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## Fateh probes death of Abu Hassan

BEIRUT, Jan. 23 (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat returned hastily to Beirut Tuesday to head inquiries into the car-bomb killing of his senior security aide.

Arafat's Fateh, the biggest commando group, has blamed Israel for the death Monday of Abu Hassan, whom the Israelis held responsible for the 1972 Munich attack in which 11 Israeli Olympic athletes were killed. The charge has never been independently confirmed.

Abu Hassan, the code-name of Ali Hassan Salamah, died with four of his bodyguards and several passers-by when a remote-controlled bomb in a parked car exploded as they drove past.

The dead included a 34-year-old British secretary Susan Warcham, who was only 100 meters from her home when she died, British officials said Tuesday.

The debonair, 37-year-old Abu Hassan was said by Beirut newspapers to have been Israel's most wanted man following the Munich attack.

Although he was head of Fateh's special operations group, the Palestinians denied that he was involved in the killings.

Wafa Monday blamed the assassination on Israel and "allied groups" — an apparent reference to right-wing Lebanese militias who receive crucial support from Israel, particularly in embattled southern Lebanon.

But right-wing Lebanese politicians rapidly issued statements condemning the killing and praising Abu Hassan as an honest leader.

There were widespread fears in Beirut that the assassination would inflame the already tense situation, particularly if the Palestinians retaliated. It was also feared that Abu Hassan's killing could be the start of a series of attempts on the lives of Palestinian leaders.

Arafat's commandos were ordered on full alert overnight as he sped back from Damascus, Palestinian sources said.



EXPLOSION SCENE: Gunmen surrounding the blasted automobile of Palestinian leader Abu Hassan who was killed with seven others in Monday's explosion. (Wirephoto)

## Fahd back in Riyadh

## King Hussein concludes visit

AMMAN, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — King Hussein of Jordan returned to Amman Tuesday from Saudi Arabia where he held talks with King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd and other senior officials at the King's desert camp.

King Hussein was seen off by King Khalid, Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander

of the National Guard, and a number of government officials.

Later in the day Prince Fahd returned to Riyadh from the King's camp, accompanied by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman.

King Hussein was accompanied by his Prime Minister Mudar Badran, and chief of the royal cabinet, Sharif Abdul

Hamid Sharaf.

No details were issued on the talks, but shortly before King Hussein left Amman for Saudi Arabia Monday, the Jordanian royal palace said the talks would cover the Middle East, developments in Iran and the resolutions of the Baghdad summit as well as Saudi financial assistance to Jordan.

## 'Linguistics' still delaying Atherton's talks in Israel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — U.S. and Israeli negotiators hoped to conclude discussions on a thorny when-to-go-to-war clause in the Egyptian-Israeli draft peace treaty Tuesday and bring it to a special cabinet session Wednesday for approval.

U.S. envoy Alfred Atherton continued intensive talks with Israeli negotiators headed by Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Prime Minister Menachem Begin's aide, and then met with Begin himself.

The meeting, attended also by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, focused on new ideas Atherton received from Wa-

shington during a break in the talks Monday.

Government sources said the two sides hoped to conclude their talks on an interpretation of Article Six of the draft peace treaty so it can be brought before the cabinet Wednesday. A special session was called for Tuesday night.

"I had a very thorough review... of the status of the talks that we have been holding here with the Israeli negotiating team," Atherton told reporters after his session with Begin and Dayan.

The talks were centered on a section of Article Six which states the treaty holds prece-

dence over other pacts. Israel has rejected an American interpretation which said Egypt could honor its defense pacts with Arab states if they were attacked by Israel.

The two sides were reportedly trying to arrive at a definition of the term "aggression."

Dayan told a meeting of American bond leaders that Israel "wants to make peace, but we want to make such a peace that we will be able to go on with our lives the way that we are."

He claimed Israel would have to ensure its own defense by adding new settlements in the occupied West Bank. "We have to increase the numbers there because they are too few... more people, more settlements," he said.

Dayan added that the overthrow of the Shah of Iran and a wave of religious fundamentalism in the Middle East are making peace negotiations with Egypt more difficult.

The foreign minister claimed that upheavals in the Middle East and Africa had suffered Egypt's resistance to a separate agreement with Israel.

Peace talks now and in the future "will be under the impact of what is going on around us," Dayan said. "We can't avoid it or ignore it, and it will not make things easier or simpler."

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## Yamani urges conservation

TORONTO, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — The price of oil must continue to rise gradually to encourage conservation and development of new energy sources, according to Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani.

Sheikh Yamani said in a Canadian television interview broadcast on Tuesday night that in the 1980s the availability of oil would be a bigger problem than its cost.

"Some nations will pay any amount of money just to get the oil and they won't be able to find it," he said.

Higher prices would prepare the world for when there was not enough oil to go around, he added.

Sheikh Yamani said Saudi Arabia would not be happy until its oil wealth had produced something of lasting importance.

"Unless we create the manpower, technology and an educated Saudi class we won't be rich," he said.

## Elite Iran army unit pledges to 'shed blood' for the Shah

TEHRAN, Iran, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — Officers of the Iranian armed forces staged a show of force with the Imperial Guard Tuesday, vowing that the army will remain united and its soldiers will "shed their blood" to maintain the monarchy and the government of Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar.

A chief political aide to religious opposition leader Ayatollah Khomeini said, meanwhile, the strikes paralyzing the Iranian economy will continue until Bakhtiar's government resigns and makes way for an Islamic republic regime named by Khomeini. He is expected to return here Friday from Paris after 15 years of self-imposed exile.

The British Embassy announced the Royal Air Force, on the advice of the Iranian military command, will Wednesday evacuate more than 200 foreigners, about one half of them Americans, from the strife-torn oil center of Ahwaz to Bahrain on the Gulf. (See related stories, page three).

In an unusual military demonstration held mainly for foreign reporters, Maj. Gen. Ali Nashat paraded 1,000 of his elite troops near the Shah's Niavaran Palace. In driving, wet snow, the troops shouted "long live the Shah" as they raced across obstacle courses and marched in a goose-stepping review.

"Our job is to protect and guard his majesty and the government," said Nashat. "His majesty has left on another of his regular vacations and the troops see it that way. When his majesty comes back, the troops will be here, ready as always, to shed their blood for him."

The Shah left Iran last Tuesday and is now in Morocco.

Colonels, majors and captains of the guard, numbering 12,000 men and said to be the most loyal of the country's 430,000 troops, expressed similar sentiments.

"Every one of these men

supports the Shah 100 percent," said one captain observing the military demonstration.

Gen. Abbas Gharbaghi, the chief of the armed forces, called on the 430,000-man army Monday night to defend Bakhtiar's government against Khomeini's attempts to replace it.

The 78-year-old religious leader, who has led the uprising against the Shah, has appealed to the men of the armed forces to support his crusade to convert Iran to an Islamic republic with a government named by him.

In Paris while promising a triumphal return to Iran by Khomeini Friday, the leader's aides conceded Tuesday that he faced some threat from pro-Shah groups, and there were problems finding an airline to carry him home.

Until now, Khomeini aides have laughed off any notion that the exiled leader could face opposition in Iran, where they claim he is universally revered.

But in reaction to reports from Tehran of violence by pro-Shah groups opposed to Khomeini, his chief aide Ibrahim Yazdi said, "well you know, it is a critical stage of our struggle."

He said earlier plans to fly the 78-year-old Khomeini, home by Iran Air had run into difficulties "from officials in Iran" and discussions were underway with Air France.

But when asked if there was a chance Khomeini's return

would be delayed beyond Friday he replied: "no."

Underlining the alleged threats to Khomeini, French police sharpened their guard over him. Visitors had to undergo body searches, and the number ofgendarmes around the suburban Paris house where Khomeini lives in exile was doubled to about a dozen.

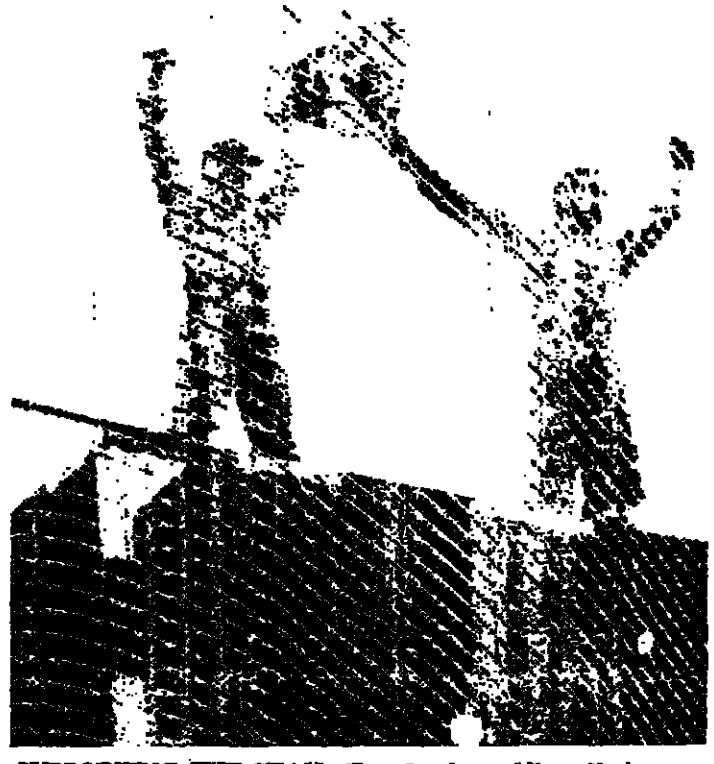
Yazdi also said Khomeini will never cooperate with Iran's Communist Tudeh Par-

ty because it is the party of "treason."

Yazdi shrugged off press reports that Tudeh Party officials say their own Marxist program and Khomeini's Islamic program are so similar that adherents of both can and should work together.

"We've never cooperated with the Tudeh Party and we shall never cooperate with them," Yazdi told reporters. "They have committed trea-

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SUPPORTING THE SHAH: Two Iranian soldiers display a portrait of the Shah, during a military parade near the Imperial Palace in Tehran Tuesday. (Wirephoto)

## Sustained bombardment

## Israelis pound S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — Israeli gunners pounded Palestinian targets over a wide area of south Lebanon Tuesday in their most sustained artillery bombardment since the Israeli invasion of the south last March.

The action followed a commando rocket attack against the north Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona that damaged a school but caused no casualties.

It also coincided with a warning from Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman that Israeli gunners would hit purposely at civilian targets if the Palestinians continued to rocket areas such as Kiryat Shmona. Accurate casualty figures for the bombardments — which poured on the south from the muzzles not only of Israeli long-range artillery across the border but also from the powerful cannons of gunboats offshore — were impossible to obtain, but believed to be heavy.

Although outgunned, the Palestinians returned fire, especially against the Israeli-backed rightist-held border towns of Marjayoun and Kleia, which were participating in the Israeli bombardments.

One witness in southeast Hasbaya said that shells were falling on Palestinian positions at the towns of Nabatiye, Aishieh and the Beaufort Castle area "at an average of eight shells a minute." He reported a heavy pall of smoke over the region.

In southwest Tyre, another witness counted "10 shells a minute on the Rashidieh and Borje Chemali (Palestinian) camps."

"Several houses have been destroyed and there is a heavy pall of smoke over a large area," the report from the southeast said.

From Tyre, considerable structural damage was also reported from the sustained and intensive shelling.

"There are enormous fires and huge columns of smoke," the Tyre witness said.

Although the Palestinians and Israelis have been exchanging artillery fire for the past three days in the wake of an Israeli strike into Lebanon last Friday, the bombardments Tuesday were particularly intense.

Political sources in Beirut said a Syrian soldier of the 30,000-man Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon was wounded by Israeli shellfire Monday night near the Syrian outpost at Rihan in southeast Lebanon — the post is the southernmost Syrian position, about 17 kms. from the Israeli border.

Border violence escalated dramatically in recent weeks and some Arab analysts linked the deterioration to the current peace talks, on the theory that the Israelis felt less compelled to exercise restraint than when delicate negotiations were underway.

Seeking to defuse the situation, Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Boutros Tuesday called in the ambassadors of five powers represented on the United Nations Security Council — Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States.

Participants at the meetings said the United States had pledged to use its influence outside Lebanon to try to curb hostilities in the south. The minister had appealed for the five powers to help end the fighting.

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# SABIC gives nod to steel plant

By a Staff Reporter

RIYADH, Jan. 23 — Saudi Arabia's industrialization program moved a step closer to fruition Tuesday when the board of directors of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation gave its approval for the construction of a \$300 million steel plant at Jubail.

The SABIC board, chaired by Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi, directed that construction of the mill should begin within six months.

The mill is an integral part of the Kingdom's new industrial city planned at Jubail. It will be the first ore-processing plant in the country and is set to produce 850,000 metric tons of steel concrete reinforcing bars for the Saudi construction industry.

Negotiations, studies and construction bids for the mill have been under analysis since 1975, but it was not until Tuesday's SABIC meeting that the final hurdle was cleared.

## Sultan to open Saudia training center March 15

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan will open Saudia's new cockpit and flight services training center here on March 15, the airline announced Tuesday.

The SR 140 million training center provides equipment valued at SR 160 million for training of pilots, engineers and cabin crew.

The training facilities include three actual-size aircraft interiors for cabin staff, flight simulators and emergency exit procedure equipment.

Saudia crew members — captains, co-pilots and flight engineers — now number 432, with stewards and stewardesses numbering 1,200.

SABIC estimated in its annual report for 1977 that the plant would cost \$300 million to build, but that figure is subject to change as bidders are selected for the construction phase. The mill should begin operations sometime during 1982.

SABIC will be the majority

shareholder in the project, in a partnership with the Korf-Stahl AG company of Baden-Baden, West Germany, and DEG, a West German state development company.

Willy Korf, a German industrialist who owns 70 per cent of Korf-Stahl (the Kuwait

government owns the other 30 per cent), is the holder of the Midrex direct-process steel patent, a system of steel making that involves heavy consumption of natural gas rather than coal. The Jubail plant will use the Midrex process and rely on the Kingdom's mammoth natural gas collection system for fuel.

Construction of the mill is expected to commence in two major components. The first involves building a sponge iron reduction unit (or gas phase in iron treatment). The Lurgi company of West Germany was invited to bid on this phase of the plant's construction. Six international firms have been invited to bid on the steel-rolling phase of the plant.

SABIC officials hope the plant will eventually get all of its iron needs from a mine under consideration at Wadi Sawawin in the northern Hejaz. Initial iron ore supplies may be imported from Brazil and other sources, according to SABIC officials.

The mill will provide hundreds of jobs in the Eastern Province when fully operational.

## Cabinet to view code to curb project costs

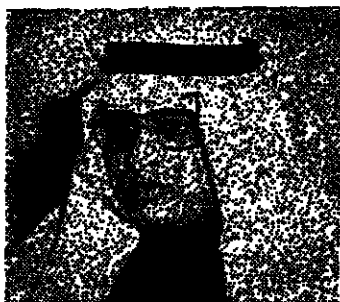
JEDDAH, Jan. 23 — A new system to curb expensive designs and specifications for projects and limit their overall cost will be presented to the Council of Ministers Wednesday, Dr. Farouk Akhdar, secretary general of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu was quoted as saying Tuesday by "Al-Jazirah" newspaper.

The Royal Commission, under instructions from Crown Prince Fahd, has prepared a set of specifications for 50 types of projects, including roads, buildings, electricity units, telephones, schools, hospitals, sea ports and airports. The specifications are designed to eliminate the use of expensive materials and equipment, Dr. Akhdar told the newspaper.

The formula will permit the government to make more accurate assessments of the cost of projects by basing estimates on a known set of basic specifications, Dr. Akhdar said.

The measures were taken because of what Dr. Akhdar called "the inability of ministry technical departments to assess the final cost of projects before inviting bids for execution of the work."

Consultancy companies working with these departments also tended to recommend costly specifications that the departments were unable to check. At the same time, tender overpricing and the formation by companies of "monopolies" in certain kinds of projects had continued to push prices up — a point made by



Dr. Farouk Akhdar, Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer to a business seminar in Abu Dhabi Saturday. The commission will conduct training courses for ministry project managers in the use of the new system, Dr. Akhdar said.

## Kingdom, Kuwait view free travel

RIYADH, Jan. 23 (SPA) — Contacts are under way between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, for the issue of joint identity cards, according to Interior Minister Prince Naif. The prince was quoted by "Al-Riyadh" newspaper Tuesday as saying that similar consultations are underway for the free movement of nationals between the Kingdom and Kuwait. Prince Naif said he hoped the cards would eventually be used for all travel between Gulf states by Gulf nationals.

## Saudi-Italian commission meets

ROME, Jan. 23 (SPA) — The Saudi-Italian Joint Commission discussed increased cooperation between the two countries at a meeting at the Italian Foreign Ministry here Tuesday. Sheikh Khalid Nasser Al-Turki, ambassador to Italy, the Saudi side. The joint commission meetings opened here Monday.

## Saudi mission equips Yemen clinic

SANAA, Jan. 23 (SPA) — A Saudi health delegation led by Dr. Asad Mustafa Tuesday handed over medical equipment and furniture for the Jubana Clinic here. The clinic has been set up by the Kingdom as part of its medical assistance to North Yemen.



SHIP-BORNE: Mecca Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen Tuesday touring exhibits at the floating Dutch trade fair which docked at Jeddah Port Tuesday.

## Well attended

## Dutch trade exhibit docks at Jeddah

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 — Businessmen and other visitors from all over the Kingdom came to Jeddah Port Tuesday to attend the opening of a unique Dutch trade exhibition. The exhibition, on a converted Swedish ferry, is the first of its kind, officials of the Dutch Ministry of Economics said. It brings together representatives from 200 firms.

Dutch exports to Saudi Arabia in 1977 — the last year for which complete figures are available — totalled \$427 million, and the traders on board said they hoped to increase that considerably.

The exhibition will also visit Dammam and other ports along the Arabian peninsula after it leaves Jeddah Friday. On board are two decks of stalls exhibiting products ranging from food and consumer goods to heavy industrial machinery.

Dutch officials said the exhibits cost a total of \$5 million and the trip took more than two years to plan. They said the Netherlands government is paying 30 per cent of the cost.

## Chase president arrives for talks

RIYADH, Jan. 23 (SPA) — President of the Chase Manhattan Bank David Rockefeller arrived here Wednesday for a short stop in his current tour of the Middle East.

During his stay here, Rockefeller will confer with a number of high-ranking officials from the Ministry of Finance and National Economy and the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA).

Chase is one of the U.S. banks participating in the Saudi international bank, based in London and the Saudi Investment Banking Corporation in Jeddah and Riyadh.

After leaving Jeddah, the Swedish ship M.V. Tor Scandinavia will sail to Abu Dhabi, where it will be open on Tuesday, Jan. 30. After that it will be in Dubai on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, Doha on Feb. 2 and 3, Bahrain on Feb. 4 and 5, and Dammam on Feb. 6 and 7. Its last port of call, from Feb. 8-11, will be Kuwait.

It will return to Amsterdam, from which it sailed ten days ago.

Officials at the exhibition said they expect most of the Dutch businessmen on board to return to Saudi Arabia soon to follow up on contacts they may make during the stops here.

## Ministry sets SR12m for local charities

RIYADH, Jan. 23 (SPA) — Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari Tuesday, issued a decree granting registered philanthropic societies in Saudi Arabia aid in cash and kind totalling SR12 million.

Assistance to philanthropic societies in Saudi Arabia is 30 per cent higher this year than last year, the minister said.

He also approved the setting up of the Al-Iman Philanthropic Society in Riyadh, chaired by Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal, and the establishment of a similar society in Mecca which intends to build a hospital and a housing complex for the poor and to give out aid.

Anqari returned here Tuesday afternoon from Doha after leading the Kingdom's delegation to a three-day conference of Gulf labor and social affairs ministers.

The conference ended Monday with a call for close coordination in social and labor welfare.

Conference officials said the ministers had also referred to an expert committee plans to establish two regional centers — one for social research and training and the second for social welfare and labor planning.

The meeting also decided to establish a ministerial council for social and labor affairs to be based in Bahrain.

## It's a lock-up

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 (R) — Employees of the Jeddah branch of the Agricultural Credit Bank here slept overnight inside the bank when the guard closed the gates and left for home.

"Al Medina" newspaper said that the guard forgot that there was still staff inside the bank situated, opposite the Jeddah Central Prison.

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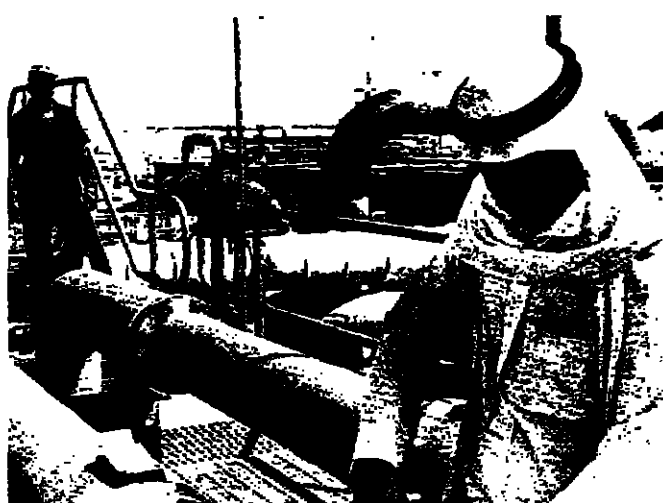
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## Iran dissidents surrender after 24-hour India siege

MUMBAI, India, Jan. 23 (AP) — Police arrested twelve Iranian students Tuesday after ending a 24-hour takeover of the Iranian Consulate General building here and released consular employees they held as hostages.

The students, members of the Iranian Islamic Association, were demonstrating against Prime Minister Shahr Bakhtiar, charging him with carrying out "pro-American" policies. They also called for the creation of an Islamic state in Iran.

Their hostages, all Iranian nationals, were unharmed. The students stormed into the consulate in downtown

Bombay Monday brandishing what eyewitnesses said were revolvers and bottles of acid. It turned out they had only a toy pistol, and the bottles contained honey, the police said.

Meanwhile, in New Delhi, 40 members of the Islamic Association marched to the Iranian Embassy and tried to enter the building.

Police kept them out, but the protesters placed a large placard outside the building indicating the name had been changed to "the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Embassy officials allowed 15 persons to enter the building, an Iranian reporter said. Once

inside, they painted slogans on the walls favorable to Ayatollah Khomeini, the exiled religious leader.

In Paris later, another group of Iranian students, saying they were acting for the "establishment of an Islamic republic in Iran," occupied the Iranian consulate.

The students, in a communiqué given to the French news agency Agence France-Presse, said they wanted "to overturn the fascist regime of the Shah, put an end to foreign intervention and end the illegal government of (Prime Minister Shahr Bakhtiar)." The students said they were followers of Ayatollah Khomeini, the 78-year-old leader of Iran's Muslim Shi'ites, who has been sending directives to his Iranian supporters from his home in exile just outside Paris.

Police confirmed the consulate had been occupied, but said they had not been asked by the Iranian Embassy to intervene.

The consulate is located just behind the embassy.

The occupying students later moved through to the embassy building and stood on the front steps shouting anti-Shah slogans and obliging the few embassy officials present to join in the slogans.

Heavy police forces were moved into the streets around the building but did not intervene.

## Sudan, Ethiopia arrange talks to discuss dispute

ADDIS ABABA, Jan. 23 (UPI) — Gen. Jaifar Numeiri of Sudan will meet Ethiopian Prime Minister Haile Mariam Workanesh to discuss the dispute between the two countries, the Vice-President R. A. T. says.

Reporting from Khartoum, Middle East News Agency (MEA) said that Tahir had his hope of the meeting, to take place during the week of next month in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, will produce positive

results.

The dispute centers on Eritrea, which has struggled for secession from the central regime in Ethiopia for the last seven years. The secessionist movement there is facing a crackdown by the Ethiopian regime. Sudan, bordering on Ethiopia, sympathizes with the Eritreans, some of whom sought refuge in its eastern regions.

Tahir also said that the aim of the meeting was to normalize relations.

## U.S. White Paper

## Pakistan details alleged Bhutto offenses

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 23 (AP) — The Pakistan government today issued a White Paper on widespread misuse of power by Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto during his years of rule before the military overthrew him in July.

The paper says that in 1972 Bhutto arbitrarily ordered summary dismissal of 2,000 civil servants, allegedly on the basis of corruption and inefficiency, but in fact because they were not considered helpful to Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party.

It also includes a large number of documents allegedly signed by Bhutto purporting to show how he ordered mass purges of civil servants and abolition of the guarantees of service to government employees.

The second of four issues of the White Paper is with various aspects of alleged irregularities by Bhutto. The first volume, published Jan. 15, dealt with the personal conduct of former prime minister in public capacity and that of his family and associates. It also is in Rawalpindi Jail, awaiting the verdict of his appeal to the Supreme Court of Pakistan. It deals with the killing of political opponent four years ago.

The 353-page second volume, "The Performance of the Bhutto Regime," discusses in detail Bhutto's alleged railing of legislation to give

him arbitrary powers, making widespread amendments in the constitution to retain his power, curtailing the powers of the judiciary in order to humiliate it and make it follow his personal orders, and establishment of special courts and tribunals to hand down harsh punishments to his opponents.

Department spokesman Hod-

They also purport to show he handed out money to his political favorites and supporters, misused the Population Planning Organization to provide jobs to his partisans, and squandered public money.

The paper says that in 1972 Bhutto arbitrarily ordered summary dismissal of 2,000 civil servants, allegedly on the basis of corruption and inefficiency, but in fact because they were not considered helpful to Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party.

Joint production

## U.S. refuses Turkish bases-arms link

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — The United States is rejecting Turkey's request to discuss the joint manufacture of arms there during the current Ankara talks on the future of American installations in that country, State Department officials say.

Department spokesman Hod-



TEHRAN: More than a million people marched in Tehran Friday supporting the demands of Ayatollah Khomeini for an Islamic republic to be set up. Tuesday, a group of Iranian students occupied their consulate in Paris in the same cause. (UPI photo)

## To Bahrain

## RAF to evacuate Iran oil city

TEHRAN, Jan. 23 (AP) — The Royal Air Force will evacuate over 200 foreigners, including a large number of Americans, from the oil center of Ahwaz on the advice of the Iranian Military Command, a British official said Tuesday.

Gordon Pire, of the British Embassy in Tehran, said two C-130 transport planes would

fly the group Wednesday to Bahrain.

He said the group included about 100 Americans, 80-90 Britons and about 40 others, including West Germans, Austrians, New Zealanders and Dutch.

Most of the foreigners "were connected in some way" with the oil industry, he said, although the group includes some British military advisers and the chief of the British Cultural Office in the southwestern Iranian city.

British officials said the decision to pull out of the troubled area was on the advice of Iranian military officials after clashes in the city between pro and anti-Shah forces.

The order came exactly one month after American oil executive Paul Grimm, 53, was slain by terrorists, who also killed an Iranian oilman. Ahwaz has been tense for weeks as anti-Shah oil workers shut down the nation's petroleum industry in a move which helped force the Shah to leave the country on vacation.

The official Pars News Agency said a security guard at a university in Ahwaz was shot and wounded by an unknown assailant Tuesday, and prisoners maintained at the local jail.

There are unconfirmed reports that two persons died during a fire at the prison. The Japanese embassy in Tehran has called on the 3,970 Japanese residents still in Iran to leave the country, except for those who need to stay on, the foreign ministry said Tuesday.

A ministry official said, "Given the economic situation in Iran, many Japanese businessmen really have little to do." He added that European countries are taking the same step.

The embassy first asked Japanese women and children in Iran to leave last Dec. 31. He said the "situation there doesn't seem likely to improve in the near future."

Except for those who have strong reasons to stay, all Japanese residents were asked to leave on available commercial flights, said the official, who asked not to be identified.



Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

## F-15s show the flag in Sudan

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UPI) — The squadron of 12 unarmed American F-15 jetfighters, which paid a visit to Saudi Arabia, arrived in Sudan Tuesday, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency said. Reporting from Khartoum, it quoted Lt. Gen. Abdul Majid Khalil, chief-of-staff of the Sudanese armed forces, as saying the fighters will stage a flypast Wednesday before flying back home the following day.

## Carter nominates ambassadors

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — President Carter has announced the nomination of Stephen Bosworth, deputy assistant secretary of state for international resources and food policy, to become ambassador to Tunisia and Robert Pelletreau, who was deputy chief of mission in Damascus from 1975 to 1978, to Bahrain.

## 2,125 to fight Bangladesh vote

DACCA, Jan. 23 (AP) — According to the Election Commission, 2,125 candidates from 32 political parties and independents will contest the Feb. 18 elections for 300 seats in parliament. President Ziaur Rahman's Bangladesh Nationalist Party is vying for 298 seats while the Malek faction of the Awami League is contesting 295 seats.

## California legislators avoid Libyans

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Jan. 23 (AP) — Several California legislators have skipped a luncheon at which a visiting Libyan delegation met other legislators and some businessmen.

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## As Cambodia fighting continues

## U.S. to raise military aid to Thais

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (R) — The United States will increase its military assistance to Thailand following the Vietnamese-led insurgency in Cambodia.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said the United States had decided to make what he called a small increase to the \$24 million military assistance program already approved for Thailand in the fiscal year which ends Sept. 30.

President Carter said last Wednesday he was "very interested in seeing the integrity of Thailand protected."

He also said that the United

States had warned the Soviet Union and Vietnam about the effect of the fighting on Thailand.

The exact size of the increase was not disclosed.

But the Cambodian fighting continues. In Bangkok Tuesday informed sources said troops loyal to Prime Minister Pol Pot have launched attacks on Vietnamese and rebel forces around several major towns.

They said they believed there was fighting around Takheau, only 12 kilometers from Phnom Penh.

But some of the sources said that the level of fighting appear-

ed to be dropping.

They said there were signs that Khmer Rouge units were breaking down into smaller units to carry out guerrilla harassment of the forces that captured almost all vital points in the country in less than a month.

The Vietnamese army newspaper "Quandoi Nhan Dan" Tuesday accused China of fabricating reports that Pol Pot's forces were conducting a guerrilla war against the newly installed pro-Hanoi administration in Phnom Penh.

"A psychological warfare campaign is being whipped up

by Peking to distort the situation," the newspaper said.

Radio Hanoi quoted the SPK news agency of the new administration in Phnom Penh as saying that the port of Kompong Som, once Pol Pot's major route for receiving Chinese supplies, was "completely liberated."

This was the second time SPK had given such a report, the first coming shortly after Radio Hanoi's announcement of the fall of Phnom Penh on Jan. 7.

According to diplomats, Khmer Rouge troops briefly took the city last week.

Jeng Sary, Pol Pot's deputy prime minister in the old Peking-backed government, said last week that the loss of the port would pose supply problems for the Khmer Rouge.

The sources in Bangkok believed that the Khmer Rouge were beginning to run short of ammunition.

A Thai district officer at the eastern border town of Aranyaprathet said that the Khmer Rouge had recaptured part of Ban Nimit, a village just 15 kilometers from the frontier, which served as their military headquarters for the area.

Thai military sources said the town of Pailin, once the gemstone capital of Cambodia, had been largely destroyed by fire, but it was not certain whether it was occupied by the insurgent forces.



THAILAND: Khmer Rouge soldiers who fled over the border from Cambodia before the advancing Vietnamese and Cambodian rebel armies. Monday the United States announced it would increase military aid to Bangkok because of the fighting.—(AP photo)

## Suspected of selling Vietnamese freedom

## Alleged refugee gang nabbed

HONG KONG, Jan. 23 (R)—Hong Kong police, investigating suspected racketeers carrying refugees from Vietnam, have arrested two men, believed to be overseas Chinese.

An official said Tuesday, "two people were arrested in Hong Kong last Saturday in connection with enquiries into the possibility of a racket in human cargo from Vietnam. They are now out on bail."

The Taiwanese captain of the Huey Fong, which sailed in here last week with 3,400 refugees, is still being detained aboard his ship for questioning.

Under Hong Kong law, captains face four years in jail and seizure of their ships if convicted of carrying unscheduled passengers.

The official said the refugees "are all being questioned by police as part of the immigration processing." Almost 3,000 have been taken off the ship and the rest are expected to be landed and taken to an old Royal Air Force barracks here by the end of Tuesday.

Uganda reported the fresh trouble on Saturday, claiming that Tanzanian forces had invaded.

The Tanzanian statement said, "during the fighting which started on Jan. 20, a number of Amin's soldiers and weapons were captured by Tanzanian forces."

Australian Immigration Minister Michael MacKellar has alleged that the Huey Fong's human cargo was part of an officially-sanctioned Vietnamese organization running the mass exodus of "boat people" from the country.

The Huey Fong's captain has told the Hong Kong authorities that he picked up the refugees from nine fishing

vessels in the South China Sea.

In Manila Tuesday, several Vietnamese said they paid thousands of dollars to middlemen in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) for what they thought was a trip to Hong Kong.

They were among 102 flying to Israel Tuesday after being taken off the aging freighter Tung An, which has been in Manila Bay for nearly a month with 2,318 people on board.

## Mystery disease claims 41st young Naples child

NAPLES, Jan. 23 (AP) — Naples' "mystery disease" has claimed its 41st victim in a year with the death of five-month-old Giulia Festa.

She was one of two infants in coma over the weekend. She succumbed after the death Sunday of nine-month-old Rosa Cozzolino. Both died in a hospital.

Doctors say the disease, first

## S. Africa will take Rhodesian wounded

SALISBURY, Jan. 23 (AP) — Prime Minister Ian Smith has assured anxious whites that South Africa had agreed to care for Rhodesian war cripples in the event of a collapse of law and order.

Smith, on the campaign trail for a "yes" vote in the Jan. 30 white referendum on the proposed majority rule constitution for "Zimbabwe-Rhodesia," was addressing white farmers in the northwestern town of Karoi.

"What will happen to our many windows and victory of the war if we wind up at Beit Bridge with our cars and suitcases?" asked one of the heavily armed farmers.

Beit Bridge is Rhodesia's major border crossing to South Africa, and the route many white Rhodesians take in the swelling exodus from their worsening war.

Smith said his government had done "a lot of work" on the question of war wounded and had sent a cabinet minister to South Africa about it.

"I am pleased to be able to tell you we managed to come to a very generous agreement with our South African friends," he said to loud applause.

In Cape Town, South African Prime Minister Pieter Both responded to reports of Smith's statement by saying only, "I hope there will not be a breakdown of civil order in Rhodesia. But should this happen, we will naturally, as good neighbors, act in the best South African tradition."

## East German agent escaped because of careless detective

BONN, Jan. 23 (R) — A suspected Communist spy escaped from police custody because a detective broke regulations by failing to handcuff him, the government says.

The suspect, East German Reiner Fuelle, jumped from a police car taking him to jail Sunday and got away when the accompanying detective slipped on the icy road.

An Interior Ministry official said that although the detective was experienced he broke a second regulation by escorting the suspect single-handed.

Fuelle, who worked in the West German Nuclear Research Center in Karlsruhe, was one of five suspected agents rounded up after an East German intelligence official fled to the West at the weekend and gave away their names.

Informed sources in West Berlin said the defector was a double agent.

The prosecutor-general's office said Monday the five arrested included physicist Alfred

Bahr, 58, Prof. Karl Hauflie, 65, machinery construction engineer Gunter Sanger, 32, and businessman Gerhard Arnold, 43.

Prosecutor Kurt Rebmann said all are accused of industrial and economic espionage.

The prosecutor said the businessman had supplied information to East Germany for more than 20 years, principally on data processing.

Physicist Bahr of Munich was alleged to have given information about communication techniques in the aerospace industry to East Germany's Ministry of State Security.

This is the ministry where

the East German defector worked.

The prosecutor's statement said Hauflie had provided the Soviet service and the East German State Security Ministry with scientific and research information for 27 years.

Since 1974 he has been a professor of physical chemistry at Göttingen University. Before that he had a top job in industry.

The statement accused Sanger, of Neustadt, near Coburg, of supplying information about Western military units as well as inside information from the industrial firm where he worked.

## Tanzania reports fighting

## Amin foiled army conspiracy, exiles say

NAIROBI, Jan. 23 (R) — Ugandan exile sources say that Ugandan Army officers had plotted to depose President Idi Amin, but the conspiracy leaked out and was foiled.

At a stormy meeting later when Amin was confronted by the plotters — who still carried their arms — they accused him of plunging the country into chaos, the sources said.

They admitted their plan to remove him.

While the meeting took place, armed soldiers loyal to Amin and others supporting the rebels waited outside the building, the sources said.

The exile sources named the ringleaders of the plot as Maj. Gen. Yusuf Gowon and Brig. Isaac Malyamungu, but they had no further details.

The sources also said there had been explosions in Kampala aimed at destroying vital installations and one blast had damaged Uganda's radio network.

Radio monitoring services in Nairobi said Uganda's short-wave service resumed Monday after being off the air for two days.

Ugandan exile sources said

at the weekend that tight security precautions had been introduced throughout the country after two appeals from deposed President Milton Obote, for a rebellion to unseat Amin. Obote lives in exile in Tanzania.

Next Thursday is the eighth anniversary of the military coup in which he was ousted by Amin.

In Dar es Salaam, Tuesday, Tanzania made its first acknowledgement of Ugandan claims of an invasion, saying heavy border fighting had broken out between Tanzanian forces and Ugandan troops.

A statement said a number of Amin's troops had been captured.

Ugandan troops "had again tried to invade Tanzania at the Mutukula, Kunyuu and Minziro areas," the Tanzanian statement said.

Monday's statement was the first Tanzanian acknowledgement of new fighting. Radio

## 30 Finns feared killed in retirement home fire

HELSINKI, Jan. 23 (AP) — About 30 old people were feared dead early Tuesday when an old people's home was ravaged by fire at Virrat, about 400 kilometers northwest of here, Finnish radio reported.

The fire hit the old wooden building in the early morning, when its inhabitants were asleep. It was not brought under control for some hours.

Authorities had no early clues what caused the blaze.

The fire chief at Virrat said there were between 30 and 50 old people sleeping in the

home when the fire started and spread rapidly.

"We do not have a clear picture of the number of casualties yet, but I'm afraid at least 30 have died," he said.

Most victims were found in the ward for chronically ill, the fire chief said.

At least 15 old men and women were apparently able to get out of the building, but all suffered burns.

He said the fire may have started in the boiler room, which was also used as a smoking room.

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# SALT appeal anticipated in State of Union speech

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—President Carter goes before Congress Tuesday night to deliver a State of the Union address expected to include an appeal for approval of a new strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT) with the Soviet Union.

Officials said he would try to overcome Senate misgivings over SALT II even before completion of the treaty by stressing that the budget he submitted Monday increases defense spending by 10 percent to \$122.7 billion in 1980. Carter will discuss the need to improve relations with the Soviet Union and the opening of normal relations with China, as well as his urgent request for congressional cooperation with his program to control inflation.

Another key issue was how he proposed to deal with world troubles, especially the turmoil in Iran. Carter's decision to seek support for a new SALT accord while the United States and the Soviet Union are still bickering over final details was aimed at blunting serious reservations already voiced by some powerful senators. Opponents of the proposed accord, which will build on the first SALT agreement signed in 1972, remain to be



President Carter

convinced that the president is not giving too much away to the Russians. Carter apparently hopes that the defense portion of his overall \$531.4 billion budget will sway SALT opponents that he does not intend to permit the United States to become militarily inferior to Moscow. In an unprecedented decision, the president decided to deliver his State of the Union address to Congress after submitting his budget. Meanwhile, the chairman of the congressional budget-making committee endorsed President Carter's call Monday for slashing the federal deficit. But they cautioned that

spending will have to rise if a recession threatens. Although members of the Congress generally showed support for the president's goal of curbing the growth of federal spending, there was some powerful dissent over how to do it. The reactions indicated a fight can be expected this year on the priorities assigned to defense and social spending. Thomas O'Neill, speaker of the House of Representatives, immediately found fault with Carter's proposals to pare some job-creation programs and some social security benefits. "I didn't become speaker of the House to dismantle programs I fought for all my life," he said. Conservatives scoffed at Carter's description of the budget as "lean and austere," including Sen. Edward Kennedy said the disadvantaged should not have to carry the burden of fighting inflation. Said Kennedy: "The budget contains wasteful increases in defense spending and no reductions in wasteful tax spending — two of the most obvious areas where alternative budget cuts could be made instead of the excessive reductions imposed on more important domestic programs."

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EGG SHELLED: Taiwanese pelt the U.S. delegation which came to discuss future relations in late December. Now, key senators are supporting a bill to warn China against attacking the island. — (UPI photo)

## Rain-swollen rivers recede

# U.S. starts to shake itself dry

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receded by Monday morning. Heavy fog enveloped New York's Lagoon Airport, closing it for several hours. There were delays at Newark and Kennedy Airports. Two Concorde jets from London were diverted to Philadelphia International Airport because of the fog in New York. Another Concorde landed at Windsor Locks, Conn.

In the Southwest, as many as 700 families at the Navajo Indian reservation in northeast Arizona were trapped in hip-deep mud and water following four days of rain and the collapse of two earthen dams. Authorities said the National Guard was bringing supplies to the stricken tribe by helicopter.

# U.S. sues Peoples Temple for \$4.5 million expenses

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (R) — The government has filed suit against Peoples Temple of California for more than \$4.2 million to cover the cost of flying back from Guyana the bodies of more than 900 sect members who died in a mass murder suicide in November. The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco and announced here, alleged that the leader of the group, the Rev. Jim Jones, "did intentionally, negligently or through willful and wanton conduct abet or cause the deaths."

He — and by extension, the following he served — failed to protect Temple members from unnecessary injury or death, the suit charged. "Because of the failure of the defendant Peoples Temple ... to perform its duties," the complaint said, the U.S. government "for reasons including public health, safety and decency, did perform such acts with the intent to be paid therefore."

Besides transport planes and troops who collected the bodies at the Jonestown Peoples Temple commune in Guyana, the government's costs included the services of a team of FBI agents who did most of the identification work. SAPPORO, Japan, Jan. 23 (R) — Meritless lacrymans is on the march and bursting into tears as it eats houses on Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido. A pest control firm, called in by worried householders to wipe out the marauding mercurius — commonly known as the tear mushroom — said it had so far damaged 80 houses. The mushroom oozes tears of wood-rotting liquid enzyme, has had a field day since insulation became common in Japanese homes, raising the temperature inside and producing ideal propagating conditions.

# Key Senators rally to Taipei's defense

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — Key members of the U.S. Senate's Democratic majority are lining up behind resolutions which would warn Peking that an armed attack on Taiwan could bring retaliation from the United States. Separate proposals were introduced Monday by three of the Senate's leading liberal members, giving Taiwan its first clear sign of sympathy and support from that position. Sen. Frank Church, the Idaho Democrat who is the new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called for adoption of a resolution that would put the United States on record as expecting China to refrain from any armed action against Taiwan. "Any attempt to use force in reuniting Taiwan with the mainland, or to pressure Taiwan by threats or coercion, will undoubtedly trigger retaliation by the Congress," Church said. He said American support for the Carter administration's decision to normalize relations with China will depend on how China deals with Taiwan. The expectation of a peaceful settlement "is the glue that holds the new policy together. Peking must be under no illusions," Church said.

Earlier, Senators Edward Kennedy and Alan Cranston, who, like Church, are among the Senate's top Liberal Democrats, announced their sponsorship of a resolution declaring that the United States expects the Taiwan issue to be settled peacefully and that an armed attack against it "would represent a danger to the stability and peace of the area."

Nationalist Chinese Premier Sun Yun-suan said Tuesday in Taipei the U.S. normalization of relations with Peking "is a mistake of historic proportions." At a rally commemorating World Freedom Day, Sun said, "The United States has lost its credibility with the free world and has piled new afflictions on people already agonizing under Chinese Communist tyranny."

"As well as increasing the tempo of their united front activities in the United States, the Chinese Communists are also speeding their worldwide peace offensive and trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the people everywhere," he said.

The nationalist premier insisted "there can be no coexistence" with the communists.

# France to join disarmament parley

PARIS, Jan. 23 (R) — France returns to regular international disarmament negotiations in Geneva Wednesday, ending a boycott started by the late President Charles de Gaulle 16 years ago. The way was cleared for French participation when the United Nations decided last June to replace the 31-nation Geneva permanent conference with an enlarged committee.

# Portugal, Angola sign trade pact

LISBON, Jan. 23 (AP) — Portugal and Angola signed a broad trade agreement Monday, in spite of strong reservations expressed by the Marxist government of Agostinho Neto in Luanda about its treatment by rightists in Portugal. Portuguese rightists have in the past protested any links with Angola.

# Ex-China aide named liaison chief

PEKING, Jan. 23 (R) — Former Chinese Foreign Minister Ji Pengfei (Chi Peng-fei) has replaced Deputy Premier Geng Biao (Keng Piao) as head of the Communist Party's international liaison department which deals with foreign communist organizations, reliable sources said Tuesday.

# Zambia hunts for Rhodesia suspects

LUSAKA, Jan. 23 (AP) — Zambian security forces were continuing their search for suspected Rhodesian soldiers allegedly sighted last week in the southern portion of the country, the government-owned "Zambia Daily Mail" reported Tuesday.

# Tycoon, surgeon kidnapped in Italy

LOCRI, Italy, Jan. 23 (R) — Two separate abductions at opposite ends of Italy have brought the country's kidnap total to seven in the past two weeks, police said. Dr. Francesco Morgante, 61, chief surgeon at the state hospital in this town in the toe of Italy, was snatched by a gang waiting for him in a car Monday evening. At almost the same moment, in the northern city of Brescia, Enrico Gnudi, 31, a wealthy industrialist, was abducted by four men.

# Nothing like 'dublyonka' for keeping out the cold

MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (R) — You can't buy a sheepskin coat anywhere in western Siberia, the Communist Party daily "Pravda" complained Tuesday.

The sorry state of the Soviet sheepskin industry was reported by three "Pravda" journalists who traveled through the area, where January temperatures often fall below minus 40 degrees Centigrade.

Outdoor workers such as peasants, geologists and railwaymen badly needed sheepskin coats — or "dublyonki" — yet production was lagging and the old skill of the furrier had become "virtually extinct," "Pravda" said.

The reporters, who noted that nothing could rival the traditional dublyonka for keeping out the Siberian cold, carried out their investigation after "Pravda" published a complaint on the sheepskin shortage from a group of Sverdlovsk tire factory workers.

The report blamed antiquated machinery, bad management and a lack of raw materials.

Siberian collective farms were now rearing fewer sheep or specializing in wool-producing animals. The newspaper also attacked the forbidden practice of shearing the wool off hides to fulfill the farm's wool production targets.

The Sverdlovsk workers who wrote to "Pravda" last month said Siberians were traveling far and wide in their search for sheepskin coats as well as other articles of winter clothing. The shortage of sheepskin coats — a prized status symbol for Russians — has led to inflated black market prices.

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## GENUINE UNITY

The meeting of the Palestine National Council has once more underlined the great difficulty of achieving genuine Palestinian unity. The problems facing the Palestinians vary from one session to the other but there are always enough of them every time to keep divided.

This time, the council session had before it a draft working paper on unity of action which was hammered out by a joint committee using three original drafts submitted by Fateh, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front. The final draft reflected a minimum of agreement among the various Palestinian groups and was not expected to raise any serious objections. It upheld the principle of armed struggle against Israel, rejected the Camp David agreements and called for closer cooperation and coordination with the Jordanian government. Advocates of fresh contacts with Jordan pointed out the need to keep the Jordanian government away from the Egyptian-Israeli talks but the PFLP still expressed reservations, although the whole issue was not that important.

In the end, trouble focused not on the draft working paper, whose name was more ambitious than its actual content, but on the executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the all-powerful executive of the resistance movement. Fateh, which holds three seats and is supported by the independent members, controls the committee but it approached the latest council session determined to increase its direct representation from three to five seats to enjoy direct, rather than surrogate, control. Its plans were upset by other groups which wanted to increase their representation from one seat to two and even three, and by groups not on the executive which were clamoring for representation. In the past, the radical Palestinians did not care much for the executive committee and the Popular Front joined and quit the committee regularly. But as more Palestinians became convinced of the need for joint action, the henceforth dissident or dissenting groups decided that they must improve their representation at the committee.

As usual, the independent members paid the price. So far, Mr. Abdul Mohsen Abu Maizar, the committee spokesman and one of the Palestinian leaders sent into exile by the military government in the West Bank, has lost his seat. As usual too, a Palestinian problem that cannot be solved is put on ice. So apart from the squeezing of the independent members, the distribution of seats at the executive committee will not change significantly. Fateh will not relinquish effective control and the other groups will not cooperate fully on Fateh's terms.

In practical terms, this means that the sought-after Palestinian unity will have to wait for another session. This does not sound good but it is better than an open Palestinian rift which draws into the melee the Arab countries supporting the various groups. It is perhaps such inter-Arab alliances and affiliations that have kept the Palestinians from adopting a more unified stand toward the challenges facing them as a people. This is not an excuse for the Palestinians but a fact of Arab life.

## Noise pollution

By Anthony Tackler

LONDON—

Noise reductions of aircraft, road vehicles and other equipment which disrupts the calm of urban life would be accelerated by the application of the principle that the polluter must pay, says a report from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Prepared by a working party on noise abatement and now being presented to the OECD governments—which represent the major part of the industrialized world including Britain, most EEC countries, the U.S., Canada, Australia and Japan—the report says that noise charges levied against the operators of noisy transport fleets or other equipment would have two advantages. They would provide funds for compensation and for the improvement of insulation in affected houses or buildings and they would increase the pressure on operators to seek quieter aircraft, trucks or other equipment. Experimental schemes are already in operation in West Germany, France, Japan and at Manchester Airport in Britain.

The report, as do recent British and EEC studies, says

that aircraft noise around airports will continue to decrease in spite of increasing air travel because of the introduction of quieter aircraft, but adds that the systematic use of airport noise levies could increase the pressure for the development and introduction of improved technology. But it emphasizes that no comparable reduction is likely in road noise where any improvements through legislation in individual vehicles will be more than offset by increased traffic. This is important because traffic noise is now a major source of urban complaints.

Pointing out that the best solution to noise problems is to improve design—a point emphasized recently in Britain by the development of a prototype heavy goods vehicle whose noise level is not more than that of a saloon car—the report points out the difficulties likely to arise in attempting to frame legislation aimed at achieving effective reductions in urban noise levels. With almost every country in the OECD going its own way and carrying out experiments, the report appeals for legislative decisions to be based on clear, simple and practical criteria. —(G)

## SUNRISE AT SAN CLEMENTE



## Renewed disarmament talks

By Tony Austin

GENEVA—

Ministers and diplomats from 39 countries met here Wednesday in a fresh attempt to avert the dangers of nuclear war and halt a global arms race that costs at least \$400 billion every year.

For the first time in 17 years France will take part in the revamped Geneva disarmament talks alongside fellow nuclear powers Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union.

But China, the fifth country possessing atomic weapons, has not agreed to attend and observers say this will cast a shadow over the proceedings right from the start.

The enlarged Committee on Disarmament (CD), created by the United Nations General Assembly last year, is open to the five nuclear powers plus 35 other countries with each member taking the chair on a monthly basis in alphabetical order.

The old committee, which had expanded to 30 members from the original 17 when it wound up its work here last summer, had met continuously since 1962 but was boycotted by France and China because of its chairmanship, which alternated between the Soviet Union and United States.

French sources here said Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet would attend the opening session to signal the importance France attaches to the new committee. "We hope it will be a real negotiating body rather than a forum of deliberation," one source added.

Other foreign ministers ex-

pected to take part in the ceremonial opening are Sri Lanka, Henri Simonet of Belgium, Andrew Peacock of Australia and Hans Blix of Sweden. U.N. officials said.

The new committee seeks the complete prohibition of all nuclear weapons tests and chemical weapons. The U.N. General Assembly has also asked it to find ways of protecting smaller countries against the threat of nuclear attack and stopping the production of fissionable material for military purposes.

In 1963 three members of the old committee — Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union — signed a partial test ban treaty which banned nuclear tests in the atmosphere, outer space and under water. Since 1972 the committee has tried to extend this treaty to underground tests but failed to reach agreement.

Similarly, it debated for six years a treaty which would prohibit the development, storage and use of chemical weapons, but without success.

As well as its playing part in achieving the partial test ban treaty the committee also produced the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the 1972 treaty banning nuclear weapons from the seabed.

In April 1972 the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, (COD) as it was called, also negotiated a convention banning biological weapons and in May 1977 agreed to renounce using the weather as a weapon of war. China is scathing about the

significance of these and other weapons limitation agreements between the United States and Soviet Union.

Peking took part in the U.N. General Assembly special session on disarmament last July, but said afterwards: "Many representatives showed with facts the feverish armaments expansion and war preparations being carried out by the two superpowers under cover of disarmament."

In an official statement distributed by the U.N., China added that there had been 228 resolutions on disarmament adopted by the world body since World War Two, as well as numerous bilateral and multilateral pacts.

"Despite all this, the armaments of the two superpowers, instead of reducing, have increased twofold or even tenfold," the Chinese statement added.

World spending on weapons during 1976, the last year for which statistics are available, totalled \$400 billion, according to the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

China will be officially absent when the 39 other delegations gather in the huge assembly hall at the U.N.'s European headquarters in Geneva on Wednesday, Chinese sources here said.

At the same time Peking has asked for a seat to be kept vacant with a nameplate for China, to be occupied when it thought fit, and U.N. officials here said it was possible Chinese representatives would attend as observers. — (R)

## A sobering homecoming

By John Rogers

TEHRAN—

Conflicting ideals in a seething and divided nation present complex problems for the exiled religious leader who plans to return to Iran on Friday and set up an Islamic republic without the Shah.

Ayatollah Khomeini holds the hearts of millions of Iranians in the towns and cities rebelling against the monarchy.

But his path to power could produce pitfalls following the tumult which cast up dozens of different leaders and political groups, all playing significant roles in the anti-Shah revolution.

From his temporary home near Paris, the 78-year-old leader stands as a venerated figurehead of the opposition movement which forced the Shah to take an overseas holiday.

The diffused opposition found its strength and unity under the Khomeini banner in bloody street demonstrations. But the gaunt, bearded Ayatollah will need to show a talent for reconciliation if his return is to bring about an orderly transition to an Islamic republic.

Thousands rejoiced in the streets last Tuesday when the Shah flew off to Egypt, but not a few Iranians silently wept at home.

The momentum may now be overwhelmingly with Khomeini, but some sections of the people probably still support the Shah's return to his throne as a constitutional monarch.

If the Shah and his Pahlavi dynasty were to be overthrown for good, and an Islamic republic took their place, a monarchist rump would probably remain in Iran.

The Shah installed a nine-member regency council to stand in for him as head of state while he was away.

These respected elder statesmen, together with the govern-

ment of Shahpour Bakhtiar, represent the voice of moderation in a situation where emotion and passionate hatred are the most powerful factors. (On Monday, however, regency council chairman Jalal Tehrani — after meeting with Khomeini — resigned).

Through rapid reforms, correcting "the evils of the past" and trying to unblock a paralyzed economy and administration, they hope to achieve a solution in which the Shah can return as a figurehead monarch with no real power.

The government has been condemned as illegal by Khomeini and rejected in the streets.

Yet many moderate Iranians, the United States and most other foreign countries back it as the only hope of a moderate solution.

Bakhtiar, 63-year-old former deputy of the National Front opposition party, has warned that if Khomeini forces him from office, a military coup and widespread bloodshed will follow.

The armed forces are a major factor in the crisis. Intensely loyal to the Shah, they are backing Bakhtiar's effort because the Shah appointed him — even though the new premier was anathema to most army generals only a few weeks ago.

Opponents of the Shah claim a considerable number of troops would back Khomeini if the crunch came. There have been confirmed reports of desertions and mutiny — especially among conscripts — in the past few months.

Yet senior officers and the vast bulk of the army are believed to be solidly behind the Shah.

Some proved their loyalty last week in the southern towns of Ahvaz and Dezful, where at least 37 people died in "David Shah" (long live the Shah) rampages by soldiers. One palace aide told news-

men: "If anyone tampers with the constitution, he will get 430,000 wild ponies (soldiers) on their backsides. It could be the biggest international disaster since World War Two."

Some of the religious leaders inside Iran, led by Ayatollah Seyyed Kazem Shariat-Madari in Qom, would have been prepared a few months ago to accept a moderate solution — maintenance of a powerless monarch coupled with a greater legislative voice for the clergy.

But now they too appear to have been swept along by the momentum of Khomeini's revolution.

With a few exceptions, opposition politicians are expected to offer quiet support for the Islamic republic until there are free elections to a new parliament, promised by Khomeini.

Among those expected to play a role in the machinery of setting up the republic is Dr. Mehdi Bazargan, 73-year-old former head of the state oil company when anti-Shah Premier Mohammad Mossadeq was in power in the early 1950s.

Others who may have a part in the future power structure include Karim Sanjabi and Dariush Forouhar, leaders of the National Front party which supports the nationalist ideals of the late Mossadeq.

Then there are the student radicals, university lecturers, human rights activists, dissident lawyers and others whose actions, statements and campaigns helped build up the anti-Shah fervor that forced the monarch to leave.

Among the students, there are already signs of frictions between largely religious groups and the left-wing activists.

Of the dozens of other parties and pressure groups that have sprung into the open in the past six months, few are likely to play an active immediate role. (R)

## EMS turns a slow green

By Murray Seeger

BRUSSELS—

A complicated, high-level controversy over European Common Market farm policy has delayed the start of the European Monetary System, which was announced with great fanfare only last month.

With agreement from eight of the nine Common Market members, the monetary system was scheduled to go into effect Jan. 2, but it is feared now that the system may not get started until April.

The monetary system was designed to link — and thereby stabilize — the currencies of all the Common Market nations except Britain. The dispute, over farm price supports, involves the systems two sponsors, West Germany and France.

For both countries, the controversy has major domestic political implications.

For the Common Market, the dispute has raised serious questions about the possibility of a nationalistic trend in Paris just as President Valery Giscard d'Estaing takes over for six months as chairman of the Market's policymaking Council of Europe.

While the dispute is not directly related to the monetary system, pressure has been building for at least a year for the Common Market to reform its

farm subsidy system.

British Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen has warned that, even though Britain will not join the EMS, it would not agree to any solution to the farm subsidies problem unless it was part of a full reform of the whole EEC farm policy.

Farm subsidies account for three quarters of the Common Market budget. About \$12 billion a year is paid out to maintain farm income levels in the nine member countries.

Although the program was conceived with the big French agricultural sector in mind — France produces more than a third of the Common Market area's food — it has evolved into a system from which German farmers receive the greatest benefits.

The shift came about because of the growing efficiency of the German farm economy and the falling effects of a change in the program — also to help the French — adopted a decade ago.

The change provided for payments called Monetary Compensatory Amounts to protect farmers against fluctuations in the value of their currencies. But recently the effect has been to provide a higher subsidy for the Germans — and others whose currencies have increased in value, such as the Belgians and Dutch — and a tax on the weaker members such

as the Italians and French.

It has also driven food prices up — to levels sometimes double those in the United States — and led to accumulation of huge surpluses of dairy products and wine, which are subsidized despite chronic over-production.

When it adopted the compensatory payments, the Common Market adopted artificial exchange rates that have not been changed to reflect the true value of the currencies.

The so-called Green Deutsche mark is now undervalued, while the so-called Green French franc is overvalued.

Under Common Market rules, farmers are guaranteed agreed prices. They can sell in the open market or to dealers who pay the guaranteed prices. Those who sell for export are also guaranteed minimum prices. When a German exporter sells at the true rate of exchange for the mark, and his subsidy is figured in lower Green marks, he gets a handsome subsidy in the form of a compensatory payment. A French exporter suffers the opposite effect.

By next year, when special transition benefits expire for the three newest Common Market members — Britain, Ireland and Denmark — Britain will suffer the most damaging effects of compensatory payments. —(LAT)

## saudi press review

"Okaz" deak with King Hussein's visit to Saudi Arabia "in view of the changing international scene and increasing Israeli attacks on Arab lands and refusal to consider the prospect of a just and lasting peace in the region."

The paper said that "it should be clear by now that Israel spurns the idea of peace because it relies on its brute force to perpetuate its occupation of Arab lands and its genocidal war against the Palestinian people. Israel has a strategy for expansion and control of more Arab lands and any meaningful peace will only hinder it from achieving its goals," the paper said.

"Al-Bilad", quoting excerpts from the Planning Minister's speech in Abu Dhabi on Saudi development plans, said: "It is reassuring to learn that the government has succeeded in providing a sound infrastructure which was one of our most important aspirations.

"Even more important," the paper added "we were able to reconcile between what we are and what we want to achieve and that is between fast development and stability without prejudice to our social structure and moral principles."

Calling for an indigenous arms industry, "Al-Bilad" said this is a priority for the Arab world "on account of the situation around it."

The paper said: "To us arms are as vital as food especially since the creation of the Zionist entity in our midst. Indigenous arms supplies are a necessity if we are to ensure our stability."

"Unless we attain a high standard of military preparedness, the Zionist enemy shall continue to carry out its designs on the Arab world and refuse to give up our occupied lands."

"The urgency of such an industry was illustrated during the October '73 war when the

Arabs had to depend on their limited supplies while the Israelis were afforded all the arms that they needed.

"Hence the importance of the organization of Arab arms industries (formed by Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar and the UAE). When in full production, the organization will help relieve Arab military commanders of total dependence on foreign arms suppliers," the paper said.

"Al-Jazirah" said that the Saudi-Jordanian talks will have important political results and will take steps to carry out the resolutions of the Baghdad summit.

"Al-Riyadh" on the other hand, said the meeting came within the context of continuous Arab consultations. It called for "strenuous activity in the service of Arab issues which are presently going through a decisive phase."



Husband to wife: Daughters or clothes hangers?





Textiles from Pakistan's North West Frontier Province

## Elegant dining at the Dhahran Ramada

By Barry Reynolds

**DLAHRAN** — The Falcon Restaurant at the Ramada Hotel in Dhahran is a sometime excellent dining room experiencing growing pains caused by its early success.

Like many newly-established restaurants here, it opened with great fanfare but attracted a larger patronage than it could serve consistently well.

If one visits this establishment on a non-weekend evening, chances are that the cuisine and service will be first rate. We did so when the restaurant first opened and found everything exceptional.

On a recent weekend, however, flaws in an otherwise superb hostelry were evident. Due to a shortage of waiters, the service was spotty. For similar reasons in the kitchen, perhaps, the rolls were stale and the mixed salad — usually served stylishly from a trolley — was hastily slid onto our table already prepared. Furthermore, the salad's lettuce, tomatoes and peppers were soggy, giving the impression of having spent the afternoon in a hot kitchen.

Most irritating, though, was the huge jump in the price of steak and seafood since our earlier visit six weeks ago. The U.S. sirloin steak rose from SR 21 to SR 39 while the "Fisherman's Catch" jumped from SR 17 to SR 27.

Nevertheless, each member of our group managed to order something which gave cause for optimism. The soups — cream of chicken and minestrone — ordered a la carte, were both delicious and delicately seasoned — the mark of a master chef.

For a main dish our friends ordered the "Fisherman's Catch": fried prawns and haddock (a tender, white Gulf fish) served in a basket with choice of potatoes. The fish was fresh and succulent, though one might have wished for a wider variety of seafood.

The U.S. sirloin steak, though pricey at SR 39, is by far the best and most generous piece of beef available at any restaurant in this area. It was broiled to order, its juices intact and smothered in lightly breaded, fried onions.

Our other guest ordered Roast Duckling with Old English stuffing at SR 34. The duckling was prepared well, devoid of the grease inherent in that meat, but unfortunately tasted a trifle tough. Falcon's Head Chef, Leo Saunders, later explained why.

"The chief problem in ordering meats here," he said, "is that you can rarely get them fresh. They must be shipped in from abroad and ordering frozen is the only guarantee we have that they will keep. Frozen duck that has been in transit too long is sometimes tough."

Saunders explained that he did not have this problem at his last post as chef at the Bahrain Ramada Inn.

"In Bahrain I could personally have any produce I desired down in from the continent. Here there are problems with the customs (procedure)."

It is so slow, he says, that by the time officials get around

to inspecting the specially ordered produce, it has sometimes gone bad.

"Consequently," he said, "in order to ensure the minimum quality of our food, we must order it frozen through distributors."

He also said that the menu hike in U.S. steak was caused by the middleman raising his prices.

"As it was," Saunders stated, "we sold this steak at a loss for weeks before raising our price."

With the vegetables he orders from Lebanon through wholesale suppliers, he says he has had more luck.

"If your lettuce was soggy — and this rarely happens here — it might have been because the vegetable shipment was late. You can't freeze lettuce and we certainly can't afford to build a private greenhouse."

Saunders cited distributors' increases as the reason for the rise in fish as well.

"We buy fresh fish from the wharf at Qatif," he said, "if they raise their prices, so must we, or take a loss. When the price goes down, as we expect it will, I assure you we will lower our menu price as well."

Higher market prices are also the reason for the increase in the buffet luncheon — from SR 35 to SR 40. This very popular and hearty smorgasbord — all you can eat — is served daily from 12:00 noon till 2:30 p.m.

The head chef added that he tries to devise the daily specials to take advantage of his freshest produce.

"If there's any way I can lay my hands on fresh imported meats or produce, you will see it worked into a special dish," he promised. "We always try to do the best with what's available."

Certainly the Falcon Restaurant is one of this area's most elegant dining rooms. The decor is Gulf Maritime with oversized coral, colorful conch shells and fishing nets festooning the walls. Happily, the management has resisted the pernicious — and locally popular — temptation of close table arrangement. The result is a spacious floor plan with plushly cushioned tables or booths arranged in intimate circular formations.

As mentioned earlier, when the restaurant's full staff complement is on hand, the service is first class and highly professional.

Assistant manager Norbert Uhlig singles out the kingdom's labor shortage as his chief headache.

"Like many businesses in the area we are constantly frustrated by labor difficulties," he said. "For instance, we hire a man from abroad, pay his airfare, train him and then he jumps the company for the first higher salary offer. We can only pay so much for salaries before we're in the red."

The desserts and coffee — both Oriental and European — are a strong feature of the Ramada menu. The Dutch apple pie and fresh fruit salad are recommended.

All considered, the Falcon Restaurant is certainly an elegant eating experience.



**NEW BROTHERS MARK:** London's New End Theater opened this month's card with "A Night in the Ukraine," a comedy based on the riotous Marx Brothers' style. Pictured are comedienne Sheila Steafel as Harpo, John Ray as Groucho and Frank Lazarus as Chico.

## Concorde fixes will seat more passengers

**LONDON**—A small change in the shape of the air intakes of the four engines will enable the supersonic jet to carry 30 to 35 more passengers on some of its Far Eastern flights. British Airways has said. The jet's fleet of five aircraft will be modified at a cost of about \$400,000 each by British Aerospace, which hopes to make a profit

on its own costs by selling the modification to Air France for its Concorde.

In the simplest terms, the redesigned intake has a thinner lower lip, enabling more air to reach the engines. It is the most powerful of several modifications that have quietly been developed by the Anglo-French manufacturers to refine the air liner's aerodyna-

mics. In some circumstances, such as taking off on a hot day from Singapore bound for Bahrain (as part of the joint service with Singapore Airlines which begins on Wednesday) such improvements can be used to extend the aircraft's range by perhaps a couple of hundred miles. Flying out of New York for London, it may mean loading less fuel, which in turn means a faster climb and less of a noise bur-

den on the surrounding community.

Asked about the prospects for a Concorde Mark II — to be built in collaboration with the Americans, Brian Irubshaw, Concorde director for British Aerospace said, there was no clear plan and it was not clear why the French transport minister should recently have referred to such a project. —(G)

## A folklore festival of Pakistan

By Jean Grant

**DHAHRAN**—The Silk Route. From the hub of Siam in ancient Cathay along the Great Wall of China. Past the sand flats of the Takla Makan desert. Through the glaciers of the Pamir Mountains into Afghanistan and on to the Levant. It was a highway of the world, a commercial link of no small intrigue connecting the markets of China with the ports of the Eastern Mediterranean.

A segment of this fabled road, travelled by the likes of adventurers such as Marco Polo, was opened recently — the Karakoram Highway between Pakistan and China. The two countries built the road as a cooperative venture. It was opened to foreigners two months ago by Pakistan President Zia Al Haq.

To celebrate the opening of a link in the Silk Route, the

Dhahran Outing Group is sponsoring a Pakistan Folklore Festival. Tapes of tribal music, textiles (both embroidery and weaving), rare tribal costumes and jewelry are among the 950 kilograms of artifacts brought over for the festival from the Pakistan Institute of Folk Heritage in Islamabad.

"Most people here are unaware of the heritage of Pakistan," said Karen Irwin, president of the Dhahran Outing Group. "I am trying to introduce people to this northern area of Pakistan, which has tremendous tourist potential."

Cost of the festival is being shared by the Dhahran Outing Group and Pakistan International Airways (PIA). "Without the help of PIA," said Mrs. Irwin, "we couldn't possibly have done it."

The festival opened Tuesday

at the Aramco theater and auditorium areas of Dhahran, and will continue through Thursday. Activities include a slide presentation and narration by two guest speakers from the Institute, with a large folklore display at the Aramco auditorium next to the snack bar.

The Pakistan Institute of Folk Heritage, established in 1974, aims at collecting, preserving and disseminating Pakistani folklore. Everything from tribal music to jokes, riddles, proverbs and children's games is collected, representing, in the Institute's words, "hope for a country like Pakistan to build up a culture of its own...to concentrate on the popular and traditional foundations of culture."

The Dhahran festival concentrates on the North-West Frontier area of Pakistan — land of the Silk Route. For centuries, this avenue provided the West with access to Eastern ideas and silk in return for wool, gold and silver. At its zenith about 1,800 years ago, it was the longest road in the world, spanning

13,000 kilometers from Cadiz, Spain to Shanghai.

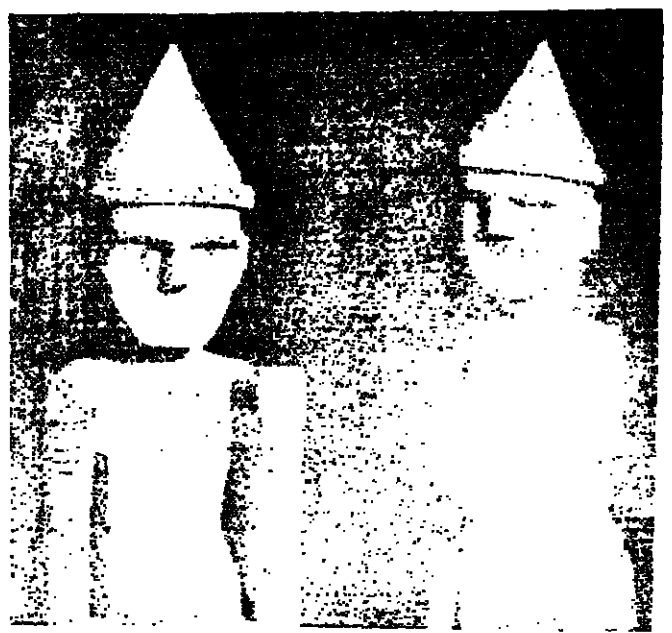
It was also one of the most dangerous highways in the world. Limb-freezing cold, frying heat, brackish water, hunger and thirst were only some of the obstacles that deterred all but the hardest voyagers. A traveller went armed to the teeth, with an eye on the hills where bandits lurked looking for treasure-laden caravans.

These Western travellers wanted silk which, in that era of history, was worth its weight in gold. For 3,000 years, until Roman agents succeeded in smuggling out silkworms, no one but the Chinese knew how to produce silk. Down through the centuries, camel caravans brought the silk from China to Damascus, and from there to all the outposts of the old Roman Empire.

It is easy to understand the medieval awe with silk: that a strange worm with an appetite for mulberry leaves could grow to 70 times its original size, and then spin a cocoon of silk threads — each strand was stronger than a thread of steel.

The most famous of the Silk Road travellers was the young Venetian Marco Polo. The record of his travels, a medieval best-seller, inspired Columbus to set off across the Atlantic to find a shorter route to the riches of Cathay. Marco Polo dictated an account of his travels to Messer Rustichello, a cell-mate in Genoa where Polo was held as a prisoner of war. Rustichello polished up Polo's version. The book records the spectacle of the Mongol empire of Kublah Khan at its height.

Polo's account is full of colorful curiosities: the gallant fathers of Volcan who looked after their newborn babies for the first 40 days because "a wife has had her share of trouble in carrying the infant in her womb for nine months." Polo writes too of the strange oil in Baku which "is not good to eat, but is



Reminders of bandit days on the Silk Route

good for burning and as a salve for men and camels afflicted with itch." He is amazed by everything he sees, from asbestos to paper currency; from the efficient Imperial Post to coal, which he describes as "stones that burn like logs."

Polo presents a touching picture of Kublah Khan, whom he met in Peking. Though ruling with all the magnificence of a Ming Emperor, the homesick Khan had seeds of steppe grass sown in the courtyard of the Imperial Palace to remind him of his Tartar homeland. Even on his deathbed, Polo — whom most of his countrymen thought a liar or teller of tall tales — was urged to repudiate his travelogue-diary. Stubbornly he insisted, "I never told the half of what I saw."

Thanks to the two-lane new Karakoram Highway, travel on the Old Silk Road through the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan is far safer, faster and more comfortable than ever before. The road uses the same mountain passes and river crossings as did the ancient caravan tract. One can travel at an average speed of 50 to 75 kilometers per hour, cross sturdy bridges, and find shelter at austere government rest houses or at the four-star Rakaposhi Lodge overlooking 8,500-meter Mount Rakaposhi.

The new Karakoram Highway will benefit the whole region as well as the tourist. It should lead to an improvement in the economic conditions of this remote area by helping to exploit its mineral wealth, and to weld the regional tribes to the nation.

For the time being, however, one can find curiosities to whet the appetite of the adventurous tourist. In the Hunza mountains, for instance, tribesmen live to 150 or 160 years. In Chitral, the Kafir Klash tribe are thought to be the descendants of Alexander the Great.

Membership in the Dhahran Outing Group, a non-profit organization, is open to all. The group started 23 years ago with a membership of 22. The membership has now grown to 1,300, with branches in Ras Tanura and Abqaiq. Monthly meetings are held in Dhahran and members come from as far as Riyadh, Taif and Jeddah to attend meetings and take part in group outings. The group sponsors many trips, with two scheduled for March to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The display is open Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

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## Apartheid in practice

# Judged by ancestry rather than merit

By Jack Foisie

"Whereas you are not a member of the white group and therefore a disqualified person in respect to (this) area, your occupation of the land is illegal."

—citation issue in South Africa  
PRETORIA, South Africa —Mutusamy Packery is an Indian businessman who, unable to find a house for his large family in the prescribed Indian housing area, has defied South Africa's Group Areas Act to rent a house in Pretoria's exclusive Hatfield district.

His white neighbors have complained and police are investigating. Packery's passport to travel abroad has been withdrawn.

At a press conference he called to express his determination to stay in his six-bedroom house (with swimming pool and tennis court) in the white area, Packery, who has six children, declared:

"Our society can no longer afford to judge a man solely by the color of his skin. Our society is by now sophisticated enough to be able to judge a man on his merit, and not the accident of his birth."

The Packery case is the latest—and perhaps the sternest—challenge to one of the foundation laws of South Africa's discriminatory race policy—apartheid. Under apartheid, a system to assure that the minority white population remains dominant, all races live apart, and "develop" separately.

The Group Areas Act ensures that whites, blacks, Asians (mostly from India) and mixed-race coloreds go their separate ways after working hours.

The segregation of the races into their separate bedroom communities is a feature of every development plan in South Africa. From the air, the demarcation of racial boundaries is evident in any city, town or village. The nonwhite districts have streets that do not curve and small, four-square houses of monochromatic grey or brown.

So ingrained is the structural way of life that even the complaining whites around the Packery house do not complain about the manners or the life-style of the Indians. They complain only that the Packerys are "different" and are breaking the law by being where they are.

Clearly, Packery is qualified financially to live in the Hatfield district. Although he suffered business failure in the past he now manages a successful automobile dealership. He has signed a 10-year lease on his house in Hatfield, with a beginning rent of \$575 a month.

In asking for an exemption from the racial zoning laws,

Packery also cites his need to be near a hospital—one that accepts Indian patients—for he suffered a severe heart attack three months ago. There are two such hospitals in downtown Pretoria, not far from Hatfield.

Packery's determination to fight eviction is supported by Indian political groups. Abu Baker Ibrahim, of the South African Indian Council, said: "Mr. Packery did not move in to create a test case against racial discrimination, but that is what it has become. Allowing the Packery family to live in a white area will give substance to government claims it is moving away from racial discrimination."

The reference is to a government plan to extend a limited degree of political power-sharing to Asians and coloreds in an effort to have them close ranks with whites against the threat of majority black rule.

Whatever the political future may be, the regulations of the Group Areas Act are being implemented zealously by the government ministry assigned to keep the races separated. Its department of community development is forever uprooting people in an effort to keep segregated living areas from becoming racially contaminated.

The immensity of the effort, and its expense to the taxpayers, have been outlined in a report by the women's organization Black Sash, which vigorously opposes apartheid.

To keep residential suburbs "pure" and to allow such communities to expand, the government during the past decade has forced the resettlement of three-quarters of a million people, according to the Black Sash report. It is estimated that another million Indians and coloreds will be moved as soon as the government can budget the funds to acquire suitable (low-cost) land and constructed sufficient housing for them.

In the process some whites must move as well.

The Group Areas Act does not apply to blacks, who, at least in theory, are not allowed to live permanently anywhere outside their tribal homelands. Those who work in and around white cities are only transient under the grand design of apartheid, and they reside only in such "temporary" cities as Soweto, the suburb of a million blacks outside Johannesburg.

The Black Sash report, composed of data on government actions and interviews with people affected, shows that government-ordered population shifts sometimes have involved the transfer of thousands.

Much of the resettlement has been in the area around Cape

Town, where the government seeks to keep colored people as the primary work force but has found it necessary to allow in some transient blacks.

Blacks and coloreds also live separately under apartheid—the policy is to keep discriminated races from joining in protest—and priority has been given to providing housing for coloreds. The result is the growth of massive black shantytowns, the best known of which is Crossroads. The demolition last year of such squatter villages in an effort to force blacks back to their homelands caused an international outcry, and has held up the scheduled razing of Crossroads.

The difficulty of administering the race-separation policy is evident in the former slum area of Cape Town known as district 6. It was cleared of its mostly Muslim families, descendants of Malaysians recruited as laborers for Cape Town, and was redesignated as a white area. But neither whites nor industrial concerns have chosen to locate in district 6 and it is almost a ghost area.

The resolute administration spares no expense to tidy up where groups illegally intermingle. Black Sash investigators turned up a case where 14 Indian families in Komatipoort, near the Mozambique border, were moved 700 meters to be inside a designated Indian township.

In another cleanup, 1,000 black and colored families were moved out of Riemvasmaak, near the border with Namibia (South-West Africa). For unexplained reasons, some families were dispersed several hundred miles north and some to a distant point in the south.

Finding suitable relocation areas for nonwhites is complicated by the fact that whites, who make up 16.7 per cent of the total population of South Africa, have been allocated about 87 per cent of the country's land.

Businessman Packery's asserted inability to remain in Pretoria's Indian suburb of Laudium, where he lived for 16 years, reflects the shortage of inexpensive land in urban areas for nonwhites. —(LAT)

## Rebellious Beuys to leave Germany

BONN — Joseph Beuys, Germany's most famous and most hotly-disputed living artist, bids the domestic art scene at least formal farewell this spring to become professor at Vienna's College of Applied Arts.

Beuys leaves behind a trail of artistic and political controversy stretching back 20 years. Many of his fights with his state government employers at Dusseldorf's Art Academy have centered on his wish to work without state interference. Now, it seems, the Austrians have granted Beuys this ideal — a free hand, three assistants, good studio facilities and a life contract.

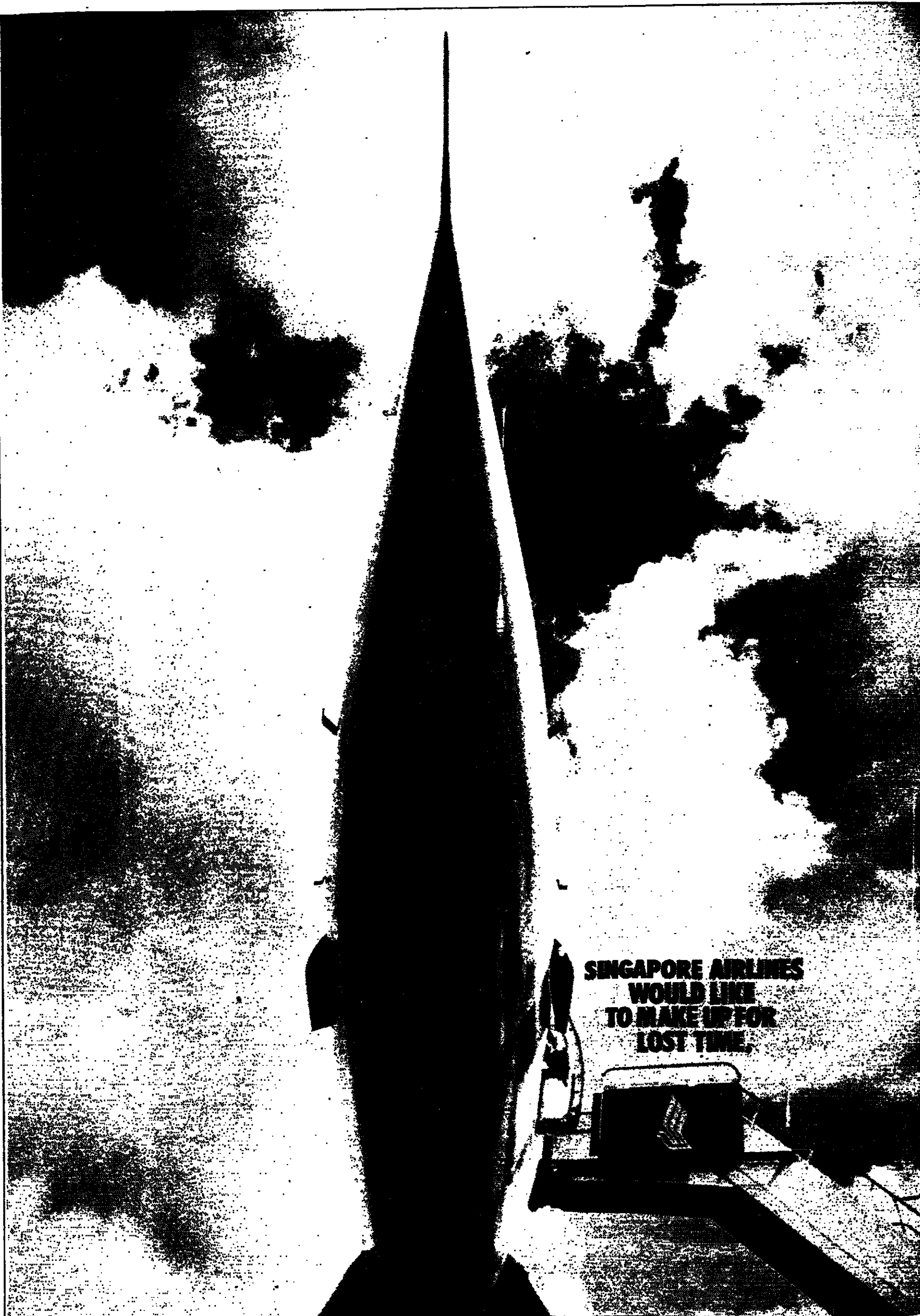
Although Beuys' family will stay in Dusseldorf and he retains his studio there, many critics see the 57-year-old artist's "departure" as that of a prophet driven into exile by West German authorities not prepared to lend support and guarantee freedom to art.

"The hackneyed statement about a prophet not being recognized in his own country is once again literally true here," the "Frankfurter Allgemeine" newspaper lamented in an editorial.

Abroad, Beuys has won recognition as an important modern artist. His first visit to the United States in 1974 — a lecture tour of New York, Chicago and Minneapolis — won over many critics and diverse elements of America's modern art scene. His work will be shown at New York's Guggenheim Museum this spring. — (UPI)



HEROES WHO NEVER GROW UP: From Barnum and Bailey's Circus World (left) to Sirocco the clown of the Bouglione, France Circus, children remain fascinated with the pranks of clowns.



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## Moscow unimpressed

## Israel cuts links with S. Africa

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23 (R) — The Israel Olympic Committee (IOC), the umbrella organization for most of Israeli sport, is breaking off all sporting relations with South Africa as a prelude to next year's Moscow Olympics.

The decision was taken Monday at a meeting of the IOC Presidium, committee pre-

sident Yitzhak Ofek said Monday night.

The ruling will end the frequent exchanges between Israel and South Africa in sports.

Ofek said the decision was taken so as not to jeopardize Israel's entry for next year's Moscow Olympics, and was also an expression of Israel's

dislike of the policy of racially-segregated sport practised in South Africa.

The first sport to be affected will be gymnastics. Instructions have already been given to cancel a forthcoming trip to South Africa of two top local gymnasts.

Two of South Africa's top sporting administrators late Monday expressed "deep disappointment" at the committee's decision AP reports.

"Yet I suppose it was to be expected — they are obviously under duress, and are out to safeguard their position in the Moscow Olympics" was the summing up of Gert Le Roux, secretary of the South African Amateur Athletics Union.

Hugo Olivier, president of the South African Gymnastic Union — first body to be hit by the decision, said "Moscow is now more important than South Africa."

"My feeling is that South Africa must play a low profile until the Moscow Olympics, as far as invitations to tour here by overseas teams are concerned," Olivier said.

The International Olympic Committee withdrew recognition of South Africa in 1970 because of its apartheid policy and over the years many international sports federations have expelled the republic for the same reason.

Israel is enjoying "100 per cent co-operation" from the organizing committee of the Moscow Olympics, Ofek reported. The Israelis hope to enter a team of some 50 sportsmen for the games.

But in Moscow, a Soviet commentator Tuesday condemned as hypocritical the Israeli decision.

Alexander Bokhonko, writing for the news agency Tass, said racism in South Africa existed in fields other than sport, but there was no sign of any Israeli protest.

Israel was stepping up its links with South Africa, not only in trade but also in military cooperation, and was exporting arms to South Africa.

The commentary referred to "Israel" rather than the Israeli Olympic Committee, which took the decision, and made no reference to the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

## After thaw

## Fords lead field into Monte Carlo

MONTÉ CARLO, Jan. 23 (AP) — Two Ford Escorts, closely chased by the leading works Fiat 131s, led the Monte Carlo rally Monday as less than 200 of the 233 starters wheeled into the principality at the end of the first stage of the week-long classic.

Drivers unanimously lamented the sudden thaw which swept the heavy snow and ice of last week off the rally roads.

Ford is bidding for its first Escort victory in the event. Escorts have scored victories in most of the world's other major rallies.

There was some confusion in working out exact positions after the five speed stages during the night which set up the first leader board for the event.

But the Fords of Finn

Hannu Mikkola and Swede Bjorn Waldegaard, a previous Monte Carlo winner, had a slim lead over the Fiats of West German star Walter Rohrl and Finn Maarku Alen, the latter recovering from a stomach problem thought during the night to be appendicitis.

The next three places though the order was uncertain — were held by French drivers, Jean-Claude Andruet in another works Fiat 131, Bernard Barniche in a Lancia Stratos and 1978 winner Jean-Pierre Nicolas in a works-supported Porsche.

Nicolas last year was the first private entrant in many rallies to beat the powerful works teams and also won the tough East African and Beldama Rallies.



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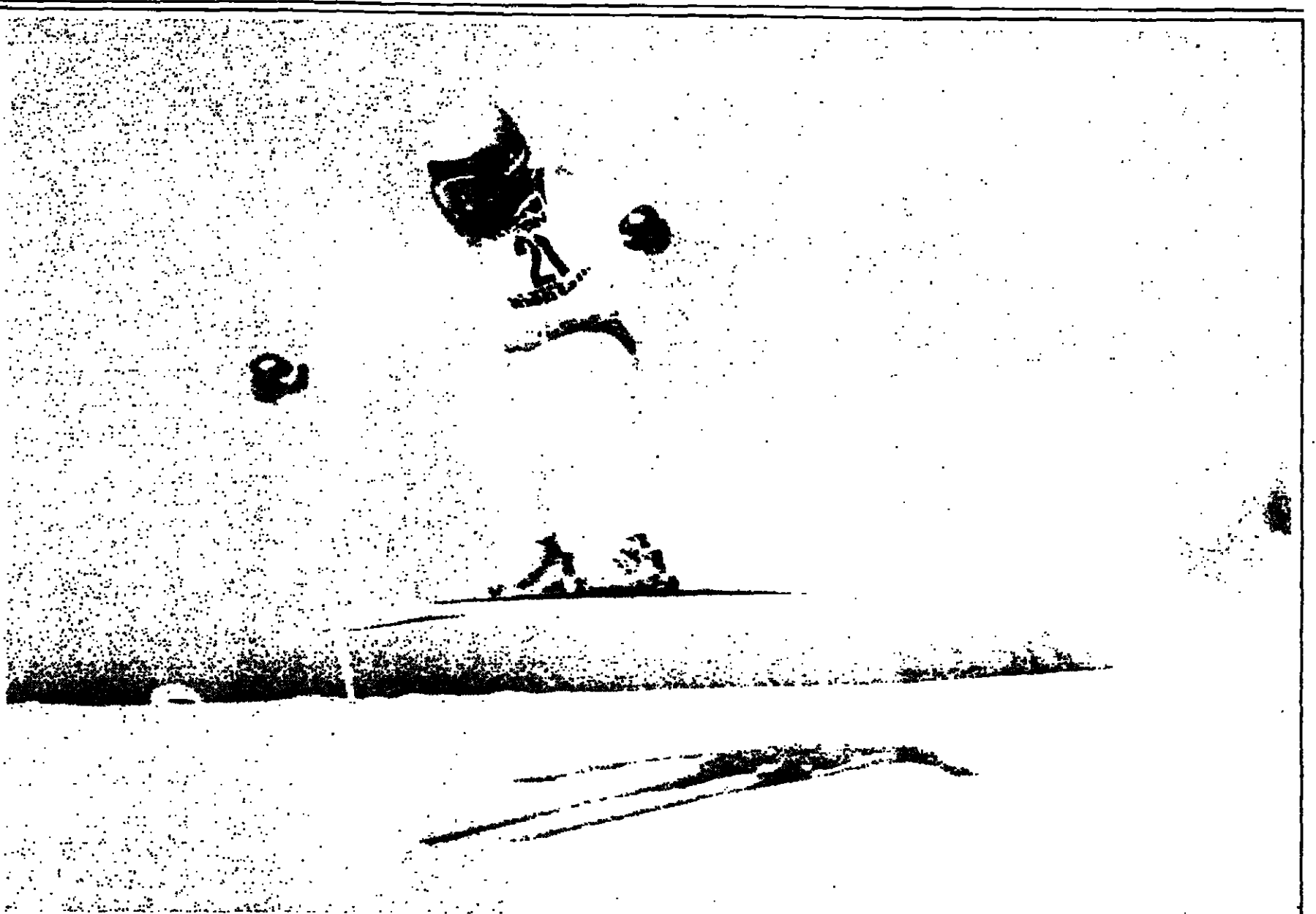
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UP THERE: Toni Eser of Switzerland explodes off a jump early in his winning run in the downhill World Cup race earlier this month at Crans Montana Switzerland.

## Proell takes commanding lead in World Cup standings

SCHRUNS, Austria, Jan. 23 (AP) — Lea Soekner of Austria Tuesday won the World Cup slalom while fellow Austrian Annemarie Moser-Proell

placed third and grabbed a commanding lead in the World Cup slalom totals.

Mos. Proell got 15 points

for her third position and increased her lead to 155.

The five-times World Cup winner moved away from her

closest competitors Marie-Theres Nadig of Switzerland who fell in the first run, and Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein who came in seventh in the

race. Nadig's World Cup total remained at 105, Wenzel, who got four new points here, had 101.

## At Houston event

## Withering Martina service annihilates Wade, 6-3, 6-2

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 23 (AP) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova won 29 of 33 points on her serve to defeat second-seeded Virginia Wade, 6-3 6-2 Monday night and win the \$125,000 pro tennis tournament here for the fourth straight year.

Navratilova picked up \$24,000 as the dominant force from the start in a battle between the 1977-1978 Wimbledon champions.

Navratilova has now won 14 of 15 matches and taken two tournament championships in three events on the women's pro tour this year.

The defending champion broke Wade in the first game of the match when she made only one first serve. Navratilova then served three straight

games without losing a point on her serve. She missed only two first serves and won 18 of 20 points while serving in the first set. Navratilova kept the pressure up in the second set. She broke Wade in the fourth game, forced her English opponent to three deuces in the sixth game and broke her again in the final game of the match.

## Gottfried wins

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23 (AP) — Brian Gottfried, at no. 6 the highest seeded player in action during the opening round Monday, scored a 6-3, 6-1 triumph over John Sadri in the \$250,000 U.S. Pro Indoor Championships.



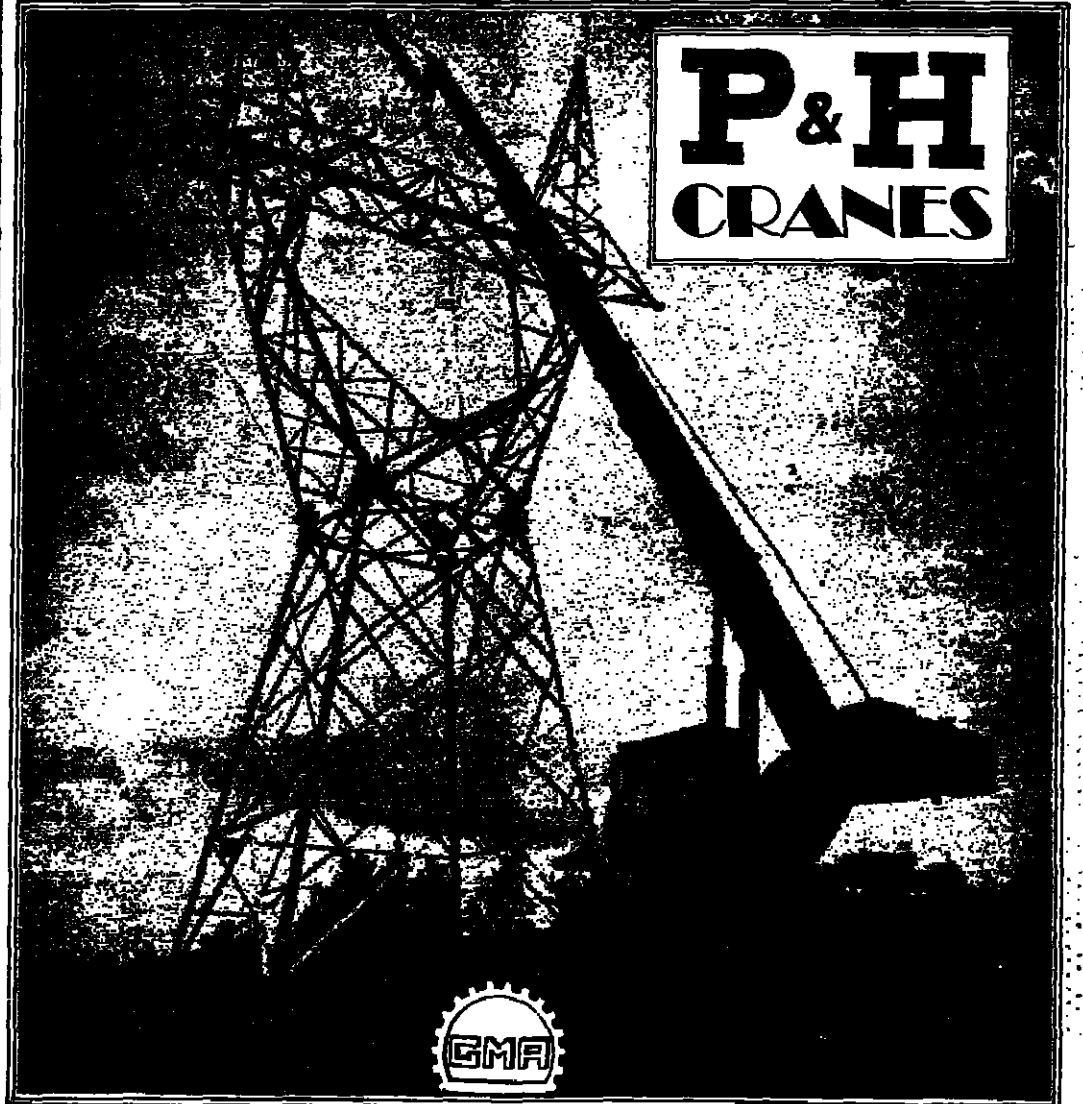
## Arsenal clinches F.A. win at last

LONDON, Jan. 23 (R) — First Division giant Arsenal finally ended its long-running Football Association (F.A.) Cup third round saga by beating Sheffield Wednesday 2-0 in its fourth replay at Leicester Monday night.

Other results; Scottish Cup second round replay, Forfar 1 Berwick R. 2 Dunfermline 1 Stranraer 0 All other games postponed

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## UAE to retain oil output of 1.85m b/d, Otaiba says

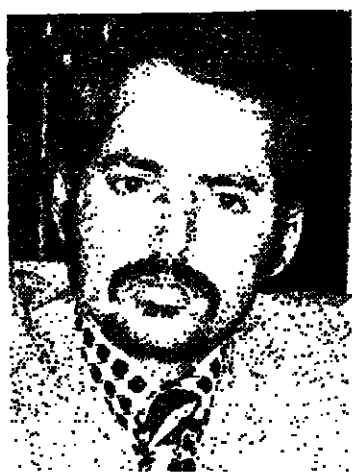
ABU DHABI, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Otaiba has said his country would maintain last year's crude oil production average of 1.85 million barrels a day for the current year.

The official UAE news agency said Otaiba told an economic symposium in Abu Dhabi Monday that this production rate does not represent UAE's production capacity and that the "door has not been totally closed for future production increases."

It quoted the minister as saying the UAE understands the consumer countries' oil needs in the 80s. "Maintenance work is underway now in our oilfields and wells so that they could be exploited in the best way possible," he added.

He said, according to the agency, his country's crude reserves could enable it to produce 3.25 million barrels a day if required.

Referring to last month's decision by the Organization



UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Otaiba

of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to increase this year's oil prices by 14.5 per cent, Otaiba said the decision was reasonable and would not harm world economy.

Most Arab oil producing countries have shown no enthusiasm to date to raise production to meet the shortage

in world oil markets created by the political disorders in Iran.

Otaiba said he cannot predict now what the oil prices would be like next year, but added that the prices of some goods which the UAE has to import, have already increased at a rate higher than the oil price increase.

"Nevertheless, the UAE does not support another big price hike in oil prices in the future," he was quoted as saying.

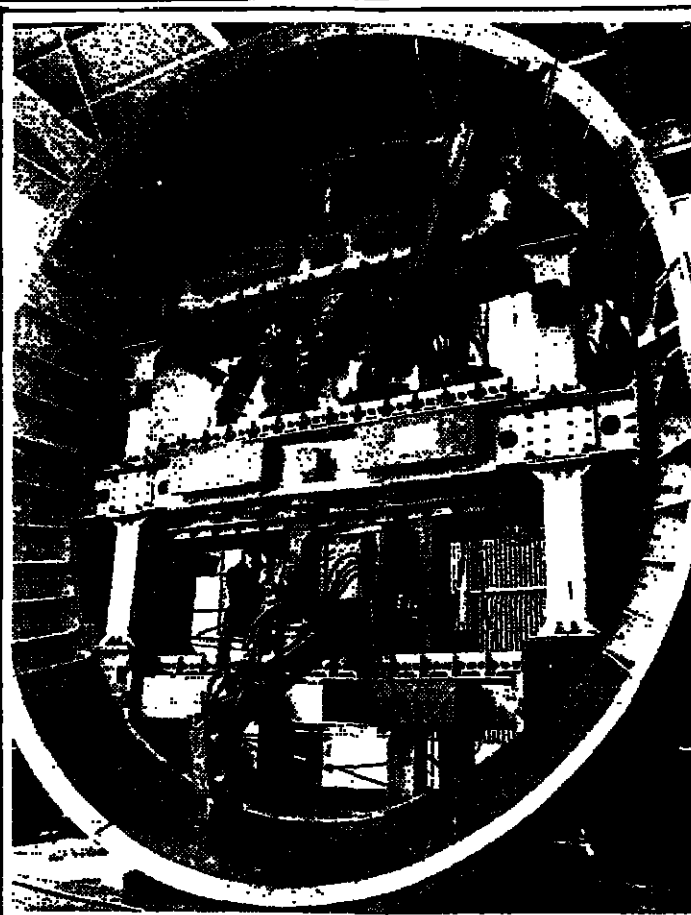
The symposium, sponsored by the American Stanford Group, is being attended by a large number of world economists, businessmen, executives and managers of large companies.

### Kuwait rejects fund plan to aid non-oil Arabs

KUWAIT, Jan. 23 (AP) — Kuwait Tuesday turned down a Sudanese proposal for setting up a special fund financed by oil producing Arab countries to help non-oil Arabs facing difficulties resulting from the recent oil price increases.

Sudan had suggested to the Arab League to convene an emergency in Khartoum to consider the proposal.

A spokesman at the Kuwait Foreign Ministry said Kuwait has already informed the Arab League Secretariat that it has no intention of attending such a meeting.



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### World wheat conference told trade accord closer

GENEVA, Jan. 23 (R) — The United States and the Common Market have taken an important step toward a new international agreement regulating world trade in wheat, a conference negotiating the accord has been told by chairman Arthur Dunkel of Switzerland.

He was referring to a compromise between the United States and the EEC bridging differences over price levels at which reserve wheat stocks should be built up.

The compromise, worked out in private consultations last month, was a basis for reopening the 70-nation conference meeting for the third time since last March, Dunkel said.

The object of the international agreement would be to control wheat prices and ensure supplies so that neither fluctuates widely.

The method proposed is a

system of reserve stocks, held by both exporting and importing countries, which would be built up when market prices are low and unloaded when prices are high.

Delegates at Monday's brief opening session agreed that the conference's economic committee should meet to discuss the proposals, which were among six issues which Dunkel said must be resolved in order to achieve an agreement.

These were: the price range to be set in the pact, the size of reserve stocks, provisions for revising prices to take account of inflation and exchange rate fluctuations, guarantees of supplies for importing countries, provisions exempting member countries from stock-holding obligations in special circumstances, and special measures to help developing countries assume obligations under the agreement.

### Arab fund studies aid applications

RABAT, Jan. 23 (R) — The Arab Fund for Technical Assistance began meeting Tuesday to examine applications from Arab and African countries for help in a variety of economic development projects. The three-day meeting presided over by Mahmud Riad, secretary-general of the Arab League is the fund's 11th session.

### B of A, China bank to start ties

PEKING, Jan. 23 (R) — Bank of America, the world's largest commercial bank, has arranged full banking ties with the Bank of China, Louis Saubolle, a Bank of America vice-president, said Tuesday.

### Swiss arms exports drop by 17%

BERNE, Jan. 23 (R) — Swiss arms exports fell by 17 per cent last year to a total of 426 million Swiss francs (\$255 million), the federal military department has announced.

### Taiwan firm to open Kuwait office

TAIPEI, Jan. 23 (R) — The state-run Chinese Petroleum Corporation (CPC) is expected to set up a representative office in Kuwait next month to ensure its oil supply from that country, the central news agency said Monday.

### China, Poland reach trade accord

WARSAW, Jan. 23 (AP) — Poland signed an agreement for this year's trade exchange with China, the official Polish news agency PAP said Monday.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Tuesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.34
Pound Sterling	6.66	6.72	6.72
Deutsche Mark	1.82 (100)	182.00	182.00
Swiss F	1.99 (100)	201.00	200.00
French F	0.79 (100)	79.00	79.10
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.25	4.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	110.00	110.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	84.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.37
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.72	8.72
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.75	73.80
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	41.00	41.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.00	34.00
Gold kg	—	24,800	—
10 Tolas bar	—	2,900	—
Silver kg bar	—	680	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.69	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.67	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St. Jeddah.

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

## Soviet Armenia said suffering from severed Iran gas supply

MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (AP) — A pipeline bringing natural gas from Iran to the Soviet Union has been shut off as the result of the turmoil in Iran, and at least one Soviet region is suffering severe hardship as a result.

"Kommunist," a local newspaper reaching Moscow this week from Soviet Armenia, which borders on Iran, said the pipeline has been shut off since last autumn and that emergency measures are being taken to find sources of heating fuel.

The 690-mile pipeline, completed at the beginning of the

decade has pumped about one billion cubic feet of natural gas a day into the Soviet Caucasus region for the past five years.

"Kommunist" dated Jan. 13, said, "It is no secret to anybody that at the end of last October the pressure in the Iran-USSR pipeline was sharply reduced, and that soon after that the supply of natural gas from that source was cut off altogether."

In a clear reference to the conflict in Iran, it said, "everybody knows the circumstance causing this."

At the end of October and

beginning of November, the Iranian oil fields were put out of action by strikes. The flow of natural gas to the Soviet Union apparently never resumed.

"Nobody knows how long this situation will continue," the newspaper said, but it went on to describe long-term measures being taken to make up for the halt.

The article indicated that Iranian natural gas is virtually the only source of heating fuel for Armenia, as well as supplying the neighboring Caucasus republics of Azerbaijan and Georgia.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Health	Supply of 14 cold storage units for the dead, each to accommodate four bodies	492	50	Feb. 17
* Ministry of P.T.T.	Construction of storehouses and garage on Al-Reel road, Riyadh	3-98/99	100	Feb. 14
* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Fencing of the graveyards of Mauqiq and surrounding areas in Hail	26-96/97	2000	Mar. 5
* " " "	Fencing of the graveyards of Na'am in Al-Hariq	"	1000	Mar. 6
* " " "	Temporary asphalt in some villages of Rafha municipality	92-98/99	1000	Mar. 10
* " " "	Fencing of seven graveyards in the villages of Rafha municipality	26-96/97	1500	Mar. 11
* " " "	Fencing of graveyard of Mawan village in Duhum	"	150	Mar. 12



## PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

### SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 23RD JANUARY 1979

1-VESSLS DISCHARGING	BERTH	VESEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—	—
4	JADE BAY	—	S.E.A. ALATAS	GENERAL CONTAINERS	22/1/1979
5	LANTAO ISLAND	—	—	—	22/1/1979
6	AL BATTANI	—	S.E.A. KANOO	GENERAL	20/1/1979
7	ATLANTIC FOREST	—	—	—	3/1/1979
8	—	—	—	—	—
9	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—
11	—	—	—	—	—
12	NEDER RHONE	—	BARBER	CONTAINERS	22/1/1979
13	—	—	—	—	—
14	—	—	—	—	—
15	MARE TRANQUILLO	—	BAROOM	BAGGED CEMENT	3/1/1979
16	—	—	—	—	—
17	—	—	—	—	—
18	ACHILLEUS	—	KOLACO	BULK CEMENT	18/1/1979
19	GERARD L.D.	—	ALSABAH	BULK CEMENT	22/1/1979
20	EAGLE	—	S.A.M.A.	BAGGED BARLEY	22/1/1979
21	ELLI II	—	O.C.E.	BAGGED CEMENT	9/1/1979
22	NISSOS SAMOS	—	S.A.M.A.	FROZEN POULTRY	13/1/1979
23	PHILIPAS SAUDI I	—	—	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—
24	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—
26	—	—	—	—	—
27	—	—	—	—	—
28	SONIA SOPHIA 'S'	—	GULF RED SEA	GENERAL MARBLE/TILES	21/1/1979
29	CHINTA	—	—	—	21/1/1979
30	—	—	—	—	—
31	—	—	—	—	—
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44	—	—	—	—	—

### RO RO

MERZARIO	A.E.T.	RO RO	22/1/1979
ALPHA CONVEYOR	ALGOSAIBI	RO RO	22/1/1979

### 2-Recent Arrivals

MOLOCHANSK	A.E.T.	GENERAL CONTAINERS	22/1/1979
NEDER RHONE	BARBER	CONTAINERS	22/1/1979
NORWEGIAN	ALGOSAIBI	CONTR. MAPIS	22/1/1979
CRUSADER	—	—	—
ARAB-AL-AHSAA	SADAQA	DURRA	22/1/1979
EAGLE	S.A.M.A.	BAGGED BARLEY	22/1/1979
ALPHA CONVEYOR	ALGOSAIBI	RO RO	22/1/1979
GERARD L.D.	ALSABAH	BULK CEMENT	22/1/1979
LANTAO ISLAND	ALATAS	CONTAINERS	22/1/1979
MERZARIO	A.E.T.	RO RO	22/1/1979
ARABIA	—	—	—
JADE BAY	S.E.A.	GENERAL EXHIBITION SHIP	22/1/1979
TOR SCANDANVIA	ALATAS	—	23/1/1979

### 3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

EVER SAFETY	ALGOSAIBI	GENERAL FRUIT/POULTRY	23/1/1979
MILA	STAR NAV.	—	23/1/1979

### 4-Tonnages Discharged: (Freight Tons): 65521

### 5-WAITING TIME: NIL

Importers having goods on the abovementioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible. For any enquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.

## PORTS AUTHORITY

### KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT DAMMAM

#### SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

##### CHANGES PAST 24 HRS.

DATE: 25.2.1399/23.1.1979

TIME: 0700 HRS.

1-Vessels Working	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
Berth No.				
1	MAHAVIYAH	S.E.A.	GENERAL STEEL	19/1/1979
2	OCEAN SINCERITY	A.E.T.	GEN. CONTS	22/1/1979
3	KASUGA MARU	GULF	PLANT STEEL	20/1/1979
4	MARIA	KANOO	GEN. CONTS	22/1/1979
5	OLDENDORFF	—	—	—
6	TAI SUN	S.E.A.	GENERAL	22/1/1979
7	LUCILLE	GULF	LOADING UREA	18/1/1979
8	SWAN RIVER	SOEASIA	SHEEP	21/1/1979
9	MARE TRADER	KANOO	CONTAINER	22/1/1979
10	STRATHBONS	KANOO	GENERAL	21/1/1979
11	PRINCESS AURORA	ALSABAH	GENERAL	19/1/1979
12	EVER SAFETY	GUSAIBI	GENERAL	19/1/1979
13	ARAB AL HUAZ	SCSA	GEN. KICE	21/1/1979
14	UNITED FORTRESS	SOEASIA	GENERAL	22/1/1979
15	SILVER ZEPHYR (D.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	5/1/1979
16	ROSBORG	KANOO	SHEEP	20/1/1979
17	SCOP	OCE	SUGAR IN BAGS	22/1/1979

### 2-Recent Arrivals

OCEAN SINCERITY	A.E.T.	GEN. CONTS	22/1/1979
TAI SUN	SEA	GENERAL	22/1/1979
MARIA	KANOO	GEN. CONTS	22/1/1979
OLDENDORFF	—	—	—
MARE TRADER	KANOO	CONTAINERS	22/1/1979
UNITED FORTRESS	SOEASIA	GENERAL	22/1/1979

### 3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

IRI DENI	OCE	—	—
IBN AL NAHEES	KANOO	—	—
NORSE	KANOO	—	—
TRANSPORTER	—	—	—
UNITED BOUNIN	ALQUAKSI	—	—
IBN AL AIHEER	KANOO	—	—
IBN DURAI	KANOO	—	—
AVON FOREST	KANOO	—	—
KONENKOV	KANOO	—	—

### 4-Tonnages Discharged: (Freight Tons): 26,738

### 5-Waiting Time: NIL

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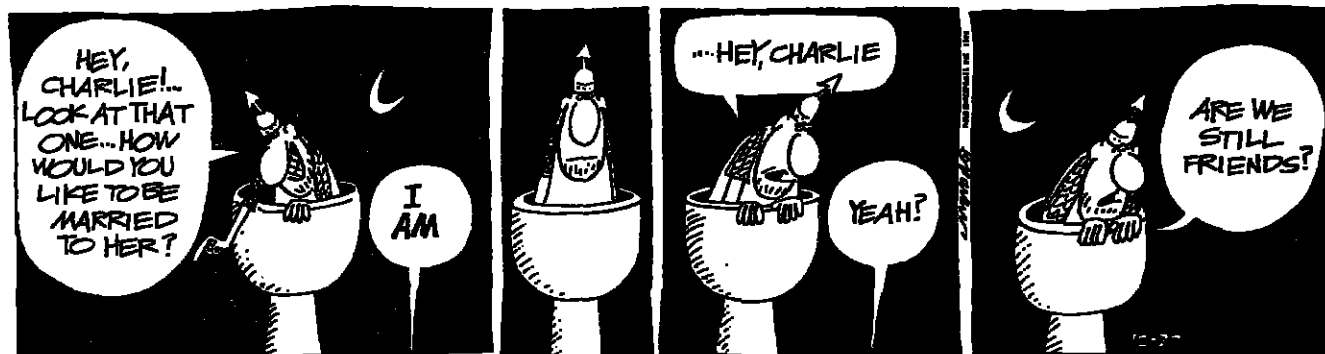
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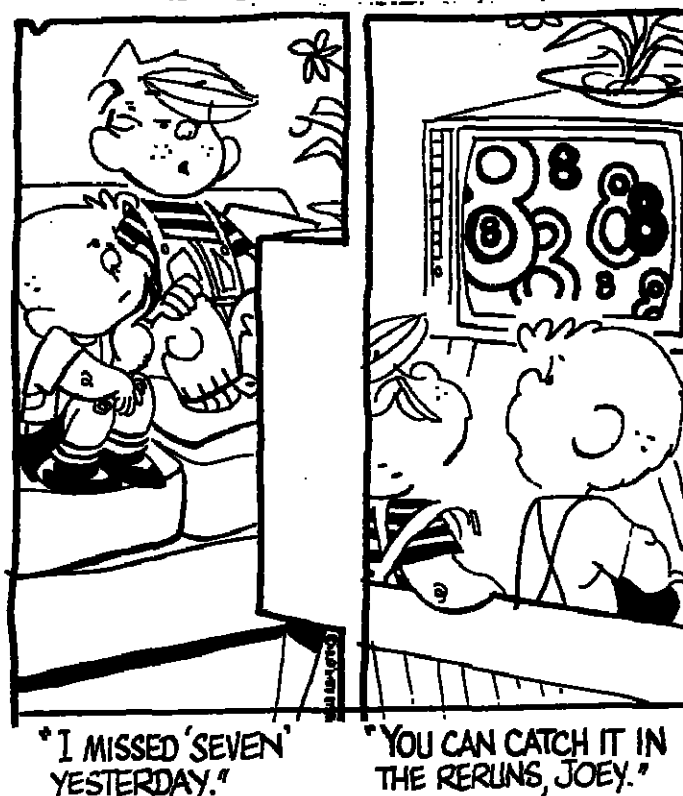
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## Dennis the Menace



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Countless

5 Consecrate

10 Hantboy

11 Mariner

12 Poi

13 Descendant

14 Hawaiian

16 Unfashionable

19 Wrest from

20 Spring

23 Gain

24 Tibetan

25 "Blah" food

28 Hold in

30 Dear: It

34 Sea duck

35 Texas city

38 Of the

39 "My - Is

43 Miami's

44 "Go

45 Unite

46 Amphibian

DOWN

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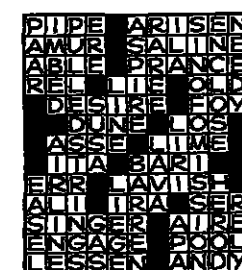
2 Arab

3 And

4 Petty

5 "Judge

Roy -"



Yesterday's Answer

26 Roman

27 Apiece

28 Cub

29 Billiard

30 Love, in

31 Lombardy

32 Old TV

33 American

34 Playwright

35 Caustic

36 Substance

37 Nigerian

38 Tribesman

39 "Glamina

40 Purpose

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:  
 AXYDLBAAXE  
 is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

## CRYPTOQUOTES

LSX LCGDAPX FYLS BGML  
 IXGIPX YM LSUL LSXK'CX  
 FGCNYOQ MG SUCV JGC U PYZYQ  
 LSXK VGO'L SUZX LYBX LG  
 PYZX - SXPX PJJJC  
 Yesterday's Cryptquote: ANYONE WHO LIMITS HIS VISION TO HIS MEMORIES OF YESTERDAY IS ALREADY DEAD. - LILY LANGTRY

## Believe It or Not!



## Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

## An Unexpected Development

North dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

AKJ108

AKJ5

5

AK104

WEST

Q983

K1032

K987

Q7653

SOUTH

72

Q98784

AK1062

The bidding:

North East South West

1 Pass 1 NT Pass

3 Pass 3 Pass

6 Pass 6 Pass

Opening lead - king of diamonds.

Let's assume you get to six hearts on the bidding shown. West leads the king of diamonds, which you win with the ace, and you play a low trump on which West shows out.

This unexpected development poses a difficult problem. Many thoughts race through your mind on how to deal with the 4-4 trump division but, after weighing all options, you play the jack of trumps from dummy. East

wins with the king and, as expected, returns a diamond. He wants to force dummy to ruff and thus assure himself of a second trump trick.

When you play your jack on the diamond, return. West covers with the queen and you ruff with the five. At this juncture, you'd like somehow or other to obliterate East's apparently certain trump trick. In line with this, you therefore start to reduce your trump length by casting the A-K of clubs and ruffing a club. You next play a spade to the king and ruff another club, after which you play a spade to the ace, producing this position:

North East South West

J108

AK

West

Q9

1032

Q

South

Q98

10

By this time it is clear you have East over a barrel. You lead a spade from dummy and East can do no better than discard a club. You trump with the eight of hearts and next ruff the ten of diamonds with the ace of hearts as East helplessly undertruffs. You then play another spade from dummy and East's 10-3 of trumps peacefully succumb to your Q-8.

## ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

## PRAYER TIMES

WEDNESDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:44	7:06	12:39	3:49	6:08	7:38
Medina	5:50	7:10	12:42	3:46	6:04	7:34
Nejd	5:15	6:38	12:07	3:13	5:31	7:01

## DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame St. No. 1067
6:30 Soccer Training Film	Goal Keeping
6:53 Color Sound	Cascade Winner
7:15 Six Million \$ Man	Return of Bigfoot Part 2
8:04 Eight Is Enough	Long Night's Journey
8:52 Laverne & Shirley	Good Time Girls
9:16 Channel Theater	Fathom

## WEATHER

Low to medium clouds in various parts of the country with intermittent showers in the north central and eastern regions also in the south western plateaus. Temperatures will continue to fall, to below zero in the north western region. Mostly north westerly winds of medium velocity. Sea conditions light to medium.

Mecca	28	18	Hail	11	07
Jeddah	27	16	Tabuk	13	07
Riyadh	24	14	Turaif	09	02
Dhahran	23	17	Rafha	15	05
Medina	20	11	Yanbu	26	12
Taif	18	08	Abha	12	09

## SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
1:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
1:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
1:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
1:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
1:15 S.A. Historical Notes	10:15 NEWS
1:20 Off the Record	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
1:25 Your Choice	10:30 Music Worldwide
1:30 On Islam	11:00 Champions of Solidarity
1:35 Islam the Divine Truth	11:10 Press Review
1:40 Music	11:15 The Sixties
1:45 Press Review	11:45 The World of Music
1:50 Music	12:00 Islamic Contributions
1:55 My Music	12:15 The Songwriters
2:00 My Music	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
3:50 Close Down	12:59 Close Down

## VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion; Analysis	10:30 VOA Magazine: America: Science: Cultural; Letter.
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English; News
9:00 News Summary	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 Special English: News; Features: The Making of a Nation	VOA WORLD REPORT
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	12:00 News... newsmakers' voices... correspondents reports... background features... media comments... news analyses.
10:00 News Roundup: Reports; Actualities	
10:30 Opinion; Analysis	

## BBC

Morning Transmission	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5.15 Report on Religion
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours	6.00 Radio Newsweek
8:30 News Summary	6.15 "Outlook
8:30 Sarah Ward	7.00 World News
8:45 World Today	7.09 Commentary
9:00 Newsweek	7.15 "Sherlock Holmes
9:30 Opera Star	7.45 World Today
10:00 World News	8.00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8.09 "Books and Writings
10:30 News Summary	8.30 "Take One
10:30 Sarah Ward	8.45 Sports Round-up
10:45 "Something to Show You	9.00 World News
11.00 World News	9.09 News about Britain
11.09 Reflections	9.15 Radio Newsweek
11.15 Piano Style	9.30 Farming World
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.00 World News	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.09 British Press Review	10.43 Look Ahead
12.15 World Today	10.45 Ulster in Focus
12.30 Financial News	11.00 World News
12.40 Look Ahead	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
12.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show	11.30 The Pleasure's Yours
Evening Transmission	Midnight Transmission
1.15 Ulster in Focus	12.15 Talkabout
1.30 Discovery	12.45 Nature Notebook
2.00 World News	1.00 World News
2.09 News about Britain	1.09 World Today
2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	1.25 Financial News
2.30 Sports International	1.35 Book Choice
2.40 Radio Newsweek	1.40 Reflections
2.45 Promenade Concert	1.45 Sports Round-up
3.45 Sports Round-up	2.00 World News
4.00 World News	2.09 Commentary
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	2.15 The Face of England

## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A time of inspiration for your artistic side. Be sure to capture your thoughts on canvas or paper - otherwise, you'll simply drift.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Despite the reservations of a friend, you can look further into a financial plan, but a more moderate approach is needed on the home front.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You'll make a special effort to look nice now, which is OK - but don't spoil the effect by showing off or talking too much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Spending some quiet moments with either a friend or a loved one will bring you more pleasure than an ill-advised spending spree.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You're a little prone to flattery now and are apt to make too much of another's friendliness. Wait for further developments.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

You may attend or be invited to a social get-together with business overtones, but mixing business with pleasure could leave you a little confused.


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### PASSPORT LOST

Indian Passport No. K289868 issued at Madras on 11-3-1975 with Iqama No. 77467 to Mr. Mohammed Afzal Mohiuddin has been lost. Finder please deliver it to Indian Embassy - Jeddah.

### PASSPORT LOST

Pakistani Passport No. AD 820523 issued at Jeddah in 1975 with Iqama No. 2/2108 to Mr. Ghulam Hussain has been lost. Finder please deliver it to Pakistan Embassy - Jeddah.

### PASSPORT LOST

Indian Passport No. L 182912 issued at Singapore on 19-5-77 with Iqama No. 334 to Mr. Sulaiman has been lost. Finder please deliver it to Indian Embassy - Jeddah.  
Malaysian Passport No. 1004961 issued at Kuala Lumpur in 1978 to Mr. Aziz Bin Awang has been lost. Finder please deliver it to Malaysian Embassy - Jeddah.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Our employee Ijaz Mahmood Chaudhury holder of Pakistani Passport No AG 534228 is leaving Kingdom shortly. Any body having claim against him may please contact Al-Nofouth Est. POB 6211 or call 50291 Jeddah with in a week from its publication.

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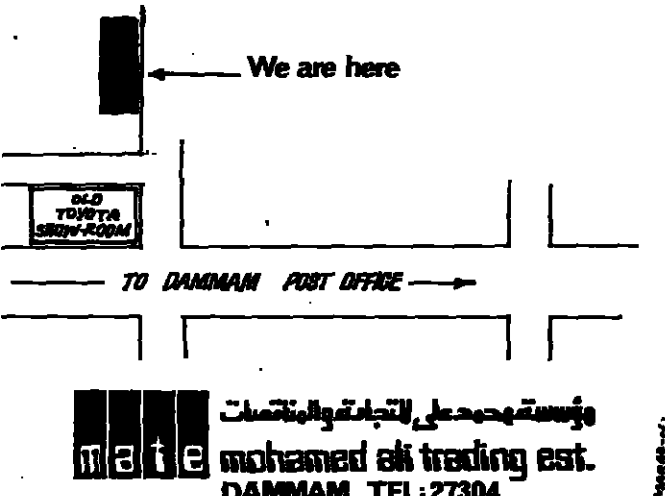
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Snow, new walkouts add to misery

## Worst day yet in British strikes

LONDON, Jan. 23 (R) — Blizzard-swept Britain struggled through the grimmest day of its strike crisis with no end in sight, to weeks of industrial unrest Tuesday.

Arctic weather, a national rail strike and numerous wild-

cat stoppages added to the mounting misery inflicted by the truck drivers' dispute. Pay negotiations to end a three-week strike by truckers broke down after nine hours of discussions late Monday night. Both sides predicted a pro-

longed battle ahead.

Thousands of the 1.5 million low-paid workers who staged a one-day protest strike Monday stayed away from their jobs. Ambulance services were in disarray in several parts of the country, hundreds of schools were closed and in some areas treacherously icy highways were left ungritted.

Senior cabinet ministers met to review again whether to declare a state of emergency and call in troops to move essential supplies.

As the 10 Downing Street meeting opened, there was the announcement that unemployment had soared by 90,968 during the past month to 1,455,275 — 6.1 per cent of the work force.

Many Britons found it impossible to get to their jobs. Freezing rain followed by heavy snow carpeted southern England, crippling road transport.

For the third time this month train drivers campaigning for a 10 per cent "responsibility bonus" were on a one-day strike and London's underground rail services were disrupted by the weather.

Heathrow Airport was closed most of the day by snow and Manchester Airport shut because one key worker, a watchkeeper in the fire control office, went on holiday. Unions who are on a go-slow insisted the stoppage was not planned.

Limited ambulance services were operating in several counties and in London drivers debated whether to call an indefinite strike.

Monday troops in old-fash-

ioned army ambulances and police were mobilized to take the place of civilian drivers who refused to answer even emergency calls.

Prime Minister James Callaghan, facing his toughest challenge yet, once again appealed to trade unions not to fuel inflation and unemployment by making huge pay claims.

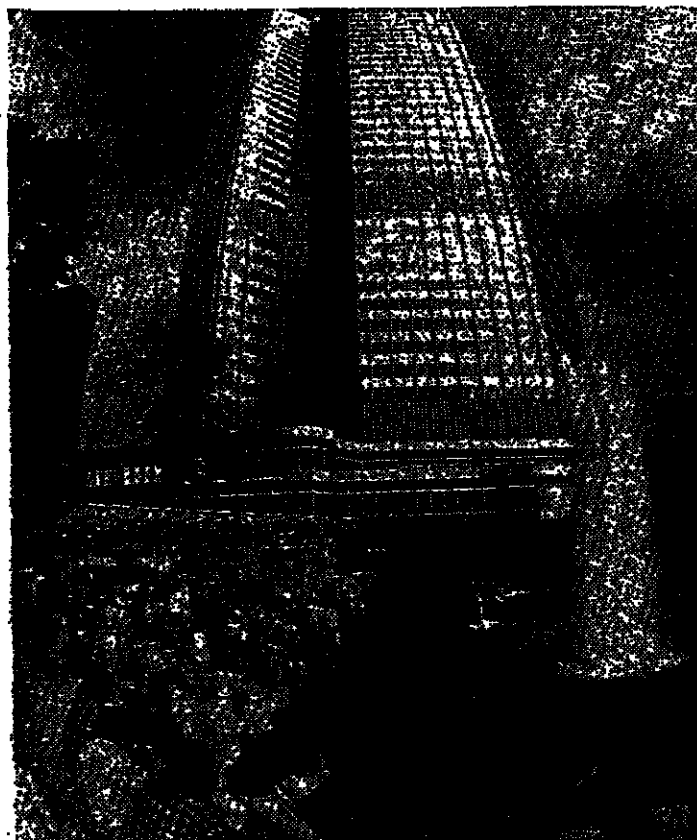
Speaking at a conference at the Trades Union Congress (TUC) headquarters, he said, "in the last analysis it is rank and file trade unionists who can ensure that we do not plunge once more over the abyss."

Punching the air with anger, he said some workers were asking for far more than the economy could sustain and there was a limit to what the government could do.

Employment officials said between 175,000 and 200,000 workers had been laid off because the truck drivers' strike has throttled supply lines. They warned the figure would rise sharply this week.

The truckers — who want a 22 per cent wage rise — started unofficial action Jan. 2 and their strike was declared official by unions nine days later. Since then more than 100,000 drivers have been striking and pickets have blockaded ports, factories and store depots.

Adding to the confusion Tuesday were a spate of unofficial stoppages by public authority employees, among them hospital porters, road workmen, school caretakers and laundry staff.



GERMAN PROSPERITY: The largest bank building was recently opened in Frankfurt and, not unexpectedly, Germany predicted strong economic growth in 1978.

## Bonn predicts growth improvement in 1978

BONN, Jan. 23 (R) — West Germany Tuesday officially predicted that its economy would grow faster this year and declared that it had fulfilled its promise to other leading industrial nations to improve production and help world recovery from recession.

The cabinet gave its approval to a report by government experts which predicted a four per cent growth rate for 1979 — compared with a provisional growth of 3.4 per cent last year and only 2.6 per cent in 1977.

The powerful West German economy is a key force in the attempt by the industrial democracies to get the world out of the low-production, high-unemployment slump which started in the early 1970s.

The government ruled out the need for further stimulatory measures after the boost given to the economy last year.

But Economics Minister Otto Graf Lambsdorff, who presented the report, said that factors outside the country could endanger the present upward trend here.

Examples were possible upsets in currency markets, an international free trade or in energy imports.

West Germany's Employers' Federation warned in a statement that the predictions could only rely on the support of the army. "But there are indications the army is not interested in fighting the people," he said.

Newspaper and radio reports meanwhile, said five to eight persons were killed and 25 were injured Monday when a crowd attacked a pro-Shah demonstration by troops in Rezaieh, in western Iran. The newspaper "Kayhan" said four of the dead were soldiers.

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## Gromyko asks peace as Rome visit starts

ROME, Jan. 23 (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Tuesday made a strong appeal for disarmament and detente on the eve of the opening session of the Geneva Disarmament Conference.

Gromyko, speaking at a luncheon given in his honor on the first working day of a five-day visit to Italy, said there was no problem this country intended to resolve by force, there was no state against which it had territorial claims and there was no issue it would not discuss around a table.

The Soviet Union rejected the idea that humanity could not live without nuclear arms, he said.

"All the arms existing in the world were created by the hand of man and there is no type of armament his hand cannot eliminate," he said.

All that was needed was the political will which was why the Soviet Union attached such importance to the Geneva talks beginning Wednesday, he added.

Gromyko and his Italian host, Foreign Minister Arnaldo Forlani, later began detailed talks on international issues including Africa, the Middle East and Indochina, the Foreign Ministry said. No statement was likely to be issued Tuesday.

The two men were expected to discuss the Soviet Union's attitude towards Iran after the departure from the country of the Shah, towards Cambodia where pro-Moscow rebels and Vietnamese troops have seized

control from the China-backed government.

One topic likely to be discussed by Gromyko and Forlani last month's letter from President Brezhnev to Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti warning him of the danger of selling arms to China.

This letter was widely criticized here as unjustified interference, although the government has not publicly commented on it or replied to it.

Andreotti will probably raise the issue when they meet on Thursday.

## U.S. price index shows steep rise

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — A government report Wednesday will show that United States consumer prices rose in 1978 by the largest amount in four years.

The year-end report on the consumer price index will reflect the pay of up to 2.6 million persons who have December or fourth-quarter cost-of-living clauses in their labor contracts.

The consumer price index has risen steadily since January 1978, climbing by 1.1 per cent during the first months of the year.

'Good neighbors'

## Pretoria prepares for Rhodesian refugees

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 23 (AP) — Farms in the northern Transvaal bordering Rhodesia may become refugee camps for whites fleeing Rhodesia in the event of a breakdown in law and order the "Johannesburg Star" reported Tuesday. (See earlier story page four)

Citing knowledgeable sources, the English-language newspaper said the South African government currently is converting three disused camps near Louis Trichardt, about 400 kilometers northeast of here and within 100 kilometers of Rhodesia, into refugee camps.

The newspaper report also said at least six farms in the Zoutpansburg region near Pietermaritzburg in the northern Transvaal, recently have been bought by Rhodesians.

The "Star" said the government-run farms are believed to be part of a wider contingency plan for handling refugees from Rhodesia in the event of a mass exodus.

In Cape Town late Monday, Prime Minister Pieter W. Botha said South Africa naturally would act as a "good neighbor" should there be evacuations from Rhodesia.

"I hope there will not be a breakdown of civil order in Rhodesia," Botha said, "but should that happen, we will act in the best South African tradition."

In recent weeks, various em-

bassies in South Africa with citizens in Rhodesia have urged them to be prepared for the possible collapse of the current government.

The Germans have issued their nationals identification cards while the Americans and the British are reported to have set up contingency evacuation plans.

The newspaper reported the French embassy in Pretoria sent out a letter warning its citizens in Rhodesia not to expect a "Kolwezi-type" rescue, referring to the air-borne troops that succeeded in flying French workers out of Shaba Province during the war in southern Zaïre.

The International Red Cross has opened an office in Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital, to handle black and white refugees fleeing Rhodesia.

## Dalai Lama stays exiled in spite of liberalization

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (AP) — The Dalai Lama on Tuesday exuberantly praised post-Mao liberalization in China but said he would not return to Tibet, despite a recent invitation, until conditions improve for the six million Tibetans as well as the Chinese.

He also ruled out talks outside China with Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, whom he met during a 1954 Peking visit. He described Teng Tuesday as "courageous, very quiet, very firm when it comes to principles he believes in and, physically, very small."

"When the majority of our people are genuinely satisfied, that will be the day when I return," the 43-year-old religious leader said.

## Israeli quoted offering Chile military help

SANTIAGO, Jan. 23 (R) — Israel is prepared to sell Chile military equipment and give it military advice, Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zupori was quoted Tuesday as saying.

Zupori ended a four-day visit to Chile Monday night during which he had talks with Chilean Defense Minister Raul Benavides, although his stay was designated private.

In an interview published by the Chilean daily newspaper "El Mercurio" Zupori said Israel was seeking markets for its Westwind, Arava and Kfir planes.

He lauded the "liberalization movement" led by Vice-Premier Teng. But he maintained that the new public "leniency" and encouragement to criticize past blunders of the government so far has not extended to Tibetans and other minority groups in China.

"This new attitude in Peking itself, particularly those statements spoken by Vice Premier Teng, Hsiao-ping shows a certain courage to admit their own faults, their own past mistakes," the Dalai Lama said.

"This is a very great thing," he said. "The vice premier said the people have a right to express the anger that they have on wall posters...We must welcome this. We should applaud. These things are marvelous."

"The extent of liberalization that is already taking place in China is not taking place in places like Tibet," he went on.

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son by being subservient to a foreign power, Russia."

Khomeini told Iranian journalists in an interview published in Paris his supporters "will fight" if the army tries to stop him from taking over from Bakhtiari's government which Khomeini has denounced as illegal.

In Cairo there were reports that the Shah, furious with the Carter administration's policy on Iran, will probably return to Egypt, following his current stay in Morocco. Instead of flying to the United States.

A spokesman for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said Tuesday the Shah, who was Sadat's guest for a week at the winter resort city of Aswan, has expressed a willingness to return to Egypt. This meant the visit to the United States probably will be postponed or even canceled.

The spokesman said the Shah might undergo a medical checkup in Cairo if he came back.

In his unprecedented broadcast Monday night in Iran Gen. Gharbaghi said the military would not heed the religious leaders seeking Bakhtiari's overthrow and would defend the "legal and consti-

titutional" government.

"The unity, security and well-being of the people are in danger," said Gharbaghi. Khomeini said Mehdi Bazargan said Tuesday in Tehran that Bakhtiari "cannot rule the country because strikes will go on and government employees will not go back to work."

Bazargan, who represented Khomeini in negotiations with oil workers, said Bakhtiari can only rely on the support of the army. "But there are indications the army is not interested in fighting the people," he said.

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meets to the executive committee failed to gain majority support.

The Fateh leader added that further talks would take place in Beirut, and he believed the Popular Front could join the committee within three months.

There was no immediate indication of how the dispute, which set a bloc of all the other groups against Fateh, would affect future Palestinian strategy.

Independent Palestinian sources said there was unlikely to be any major changes in policies directed by Arafat, because Fateh maintained the necessary political and military superiority to ensure they are carried out.

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see Belgian and European Common Market leaders, said Bangui was back to normal and order had been restored. (A denial of Zairean in-

volvement also came from Zaire's Embassy in Brussels.) Some press reports in Paris Tuesday put the death toll as high as 100 and said the troops used mortar fire to subdue the rioters.

French sources said in Paris Monday that Emperor Bokassa called in the Zairean troops after the students took to the streets of Bangui to protest against a ruling that they must wear state uniforms. The order was subsequently rescinded.

The Zairean troops were patrolling in Bangui and the emperor had confined his own armed forces to barracks, the

sources said. Bokassa has very close relations with President Mobutu Sese Seko in neighboring Zaïre.

According to the travels arriving in Bangui, the only to wear uniforms brought to head widespread dissatisfaction among the poor.

The empire and its 1.5 million people have one of the lowest standards of living in the world.

The economy, heavily dependent upon diamond products and cotton, is reported depressed after a poorer-than-usual cotton crop this year.

Singh said

rejoining

Desai cabinet

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (R)

Former Home Minister Charan Singh, whose dismissal by Premier Morarji Desai last June divided the ruling Janata Party, will rejoin the cabinet Wednesday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said Tuesday.

Singh, former number two man in the cabinet, will be sworn in as one of two deputy premiers, along with Defense Minister Jagjivan Ram, PTI said.

The two men are political enemies and the appointments were part of a peace formula worked out over recent weeks by Janata Party leaders.

Party President Chandrab Sekhar, one of the chief mediators, said Monday night there was every possibility of feuds in the party being settled by Jan. 26, India's Republic Day.

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